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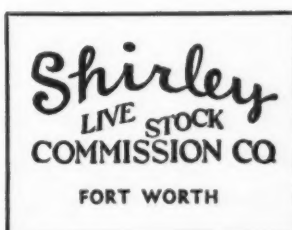
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THE NEW YEAR

FROM WHAT we can gather most ranchmen are cheered in the beginning of 1953. Some give as a reason "it can't be anything but better." Most are cheerful over the approaching Eisenhower regime, pointing out that evidently more consideration will be given to businessmen, conservative agriculture and economy. Ranchmen feel that's good.

As usual, business from the ranchman's standpoint hangs upon how wet it is. If the ranges are wet then it is likely to be good for the livestock industry. This is especially true of 1953 in areas where sufficient rainfall made late winter ranges show promise. Generally speaking, this area in Texas is in the eastern part of the Edwards Plateau and some parts of the Trans-Pecos and Davis Mountains region.

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3. CONSIDER AN ESTATE PLAN

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From The Association Office

THE LARGEST group of Texans to attend an annual convention of the National Wool Growers Association since 1947 were in Chicago, December 7-10 for the N.W.G.A.'s 88th Convention, and saw Ray W. Willoughby, San Angelo, elected president for 1953. Willoughby is a past president of both the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Wallace Ulmer, Miles City, Montana; John Breckenridge, Twin Falls, Idaho; Don Clyde, Heber City, Utah; Russell Brown, Vantage, Oregon; and S. P. Arbios, Stockton, California, were elected vice-presidents. Brown and Arbios were both elected to the vice-presidency for the first time—Brown taking the place vacated by Willoughby. Arbios was elected over Harold Josendal of Wyoming after a very hard fight on the convention floor. Texas supported Arbios.

The convention adopted resolutions favoring the principles of the parity tariff, repeal of the reciprocal trade agreements, and two types of tax relief—the latter calling on the National Livestock Tax Committee to explore the possibilities of tax relief for the forced sale of drought-stricken livestock when the proceeds are reinvested in similar property after range conditions have returned to normal.

The parity tariff, as explained to the Texas convention last month by J. M. Jones, N.W.G.A. Executive Secretary, would tend to compensate for higher production costs in the United States. It would require the imposition of sufficient extra duty on imported wool to bring its cost up to that of parity on domestic wool.

In the Executive Committee meeting which followed the close of the convention, a budget of \$65,000 was adopted. Of this amount, \$55,000 will be raised by the states and \$10,000 are anticipated as receipts from the 1953 National Ram Sale. Because of the financial position of most of the state Associations, only \$35,000 of the \$55,000 will be raised directly by the various states. The balance will come from reserve funds. This action decreases Texas' 1953 quota by over \$4,000. It reduces the quotas of other states proportionately.

American Wool Council Meeting

Penrose Metcalfe, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association president, told the directors of the American Wool Council Meeting the first day of the National Convention that Texas would turn over to the Council its 1952 promotion funds, but would not obligate itself for 1953. Approximately \$3,500 was turned over to the American Wool Council treasurer.

The Council adopted a budget for 1953 calling for more funds than were expended this year. Texas did not vote on the adoption of the budget.

Big Crowd from Texas

Attending the convention from Texas were President Penrose B. Metcalfe, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pfluger, Eden; Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Stumberg, Sanderson; J. T. Davis, Sterling City;

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Farmer and daughter, Margaret, Junction; Jack Taylor, Miss Gladys Mayer, Mrs. H. C. Noelke, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tusha, Elmer Kelton, and Ernest Williams, all of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Canning, Eden; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. McEntire, Sterling City; Miss Janet Lee and Mrs. Dorothy Greenwood, Austin; Mrs. J. W. Vance and Mrs. Jim Gill, Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. P. K. McIntosh, Eldorado; M. C. Puckett, Fort Stockton; Earl Byrd, Coleman; Dick Alexander, Comanche; Rod Richardson, Iraan; Clint Shirley and W. L.

Pier, Fort Worth; and John Gahr, San Angelo.

Wool Warehousemen

Texas wool and mohair warehousemen are invited to attend a wool handlers meeting in Denver, February 2nd and 3rd, 1953, according to word received from the National Wool Growers Association.

The present loan program and its extension will be discussed by representatives from the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Commodity Credit Corporation. Wool handlers from all over the Western states are expected at the meeting.

Wool Growers Favor Parity-Tariff

THE DOMESTIC tariff policy was the focus of considerable attention in the 88th National Wool Growers Association convention in Chicago, December 7-10. The body urged the adoption of the parity-tariff concept which if made into law would regulate tariffs on imported products. Such a policy would stabilize the industry, wool growers believe, and equalize their position compared to that of producers of other wool-growing countries. In line with this position the wool growers endorsed the proposed amendment to the agricultural act of 1949 presented by Congressman Wesley d'Ewart of Montana. The wool growers also resolved as follows:

1. Endorsed decentralization of government and a maximum economy for all of its branches.
2. Opposed government price controls of any kind.
3. Favored a "sound agricultural

program stimulating individual initiative" by carrying out sound conservation practices. They stated that natural resources should be developed by private enterprise—"using federal agencies only for the accomplishment of measures of public good not within the capacity of private endeavor."

4. Stood against the continuing rise in local, state and national taxes, declaring that unless this trend is halted, "the incentives so necessary to our industry may be lost."

5. Urged the repeal of existing reciprocal trade agreements.

6. Opposed the Hoover Commission's recommendations for the reor-

ganization of the Department of Agriculture. They could see no "value in any change in the present administration of federal lands unless a basic land policy is established."

7. Approved suggestions for an act to provide for the "orderly use, improvement and development of the public lands and to stabilize the livestock industry dependent upon the public range." This proposal has been made by the Stockmen's Grazing Committee.

8. Recommended that a National Woolgrower committee study the "effect of lamb importations upon our domestic sheep industry and make recommendations" upon control of this importation. They urged that such a committee also study all angles of tariff and possible import quotas.

Ray W. Willoughby (left), San Angelo, Texas, newly elected president of the National Wool Growers' Association, and Ewen M. Waterman, Chairman and Australian Member of the International Wool Secretariat, examine a mobile window display which the Wool Bureau will use in promoting men's wool clothing. The animated exhibit, one of a group which will be sent to department stores for use in window displays, was previewed at the 88th annual convention of the National Wool Growers Association in Chicago.



Miss Wool and Her Travels

By BILL GATLIN
San Angelo Chamber of Commerce

IF YOU were one of the 1,500 who saw Miss Wool inaugurated in the State Wool Fashion Revue or if you were just one of the many interested

followers of her newly found fame, I am sure that you have wondered just what has happened to this lucky girl since the night of November 10th.



She has been a very busy celebrity to say the least. Immediately following the Revue she returned to her home in Austin with her thirty-some-odd pieces of luggage, to prepare for her tour of Texas.

November 20-23 Miss Wool was guest of the citizens of Fort Worth, being entertained royally by that city. Mr. Herbert Joseph of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce was in charge of arrangements. While in that city Miss Wool formally opened the Farm and Ranch Show by (you guessed it) cutting a beautiful red wool ribbon. She appeared on two television shows and also made a radio appearance. The city bankers got together on two nights and dined her.

While in Fort Worth, Janet got acquainted with her namesake, the sheep. Accompanied by Clint Shirley, Fort Worth Commission man, she visited the stockyards. She visited several of the department stores and appeared in the grand entry of the opening performance of the Shrine Circus.

On the evening of the 23rd, Miss Lee journeyed to San Antonio to be the guest of that city for three days. While there, she appeared on tele-

vision and radio and opened the South Texas Vegetable Show. She toured the department stores of San Antonio and made a personal appearance at Brooke Army Medical Base. Arrangements were handled by Terry Sanders of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

Upon returning to her home in Austin, she attended the Texas-A&M football game, being presented in a special ceremony by the honorable John Ben Sheppard. She was presented with a bouquet of roses and three small goats dyed red, white and blue.

With the ushering in of December plans were completed to take Miss Wool to the National Wool Growers Convention at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Besides appearing on the program during the convention Miss Lee was the guest of honor on the Don McNeil Breakfast Club radio show.

Reports have drifted back to Texas from the National Convention that Miss Wool certainly held up in true style the old saying "Texas Brags" and in this instance rightly so, for she certainly is a beautiful and talented girl who lends a tone of royalty to the royal fabric of WOOL!

MISS WOOL VISITS BROOKE HOSPITAL

He couldn't feel the quality because of his bandages, but Cpl. Pete McCluskey, 3916 Harrison Street, Kansas City, Mo., could certainly admire vivacious Janet Lee, University of Texas student named "Miss Wool of 1952" by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. Miss Lee, in San Antonio as the guest of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, spent an evening at the Brooke Army Hospital, visiting patients on wards and in the Service Club. McCluskey was wounded in Korea.



TWO COLORADO GIRLS CAPTURE "MAKE IT WITH WOOL" NATIONAL CONTEST

Shirley Bostrom, 16, Atwood, Colorado (left), won the Junior National Contest with her black and white poodle cloth coat with black velveteen trim. Connie K. Yoshimura, 20, Denver, Colorado, won the National Senior Contest with her stunning 3-piece costume consisting of coffee brown suit and oatmeal tone Forstmann woolen coat. The girls will bring home with them the lion's share of the \$25,000 prize money in the "Make It Yourself With Wool" National Contest. Mrs. Mike Hayes, Denver, state sewing contest chairman, was elected national historian. Newly elected national president is Mrs. J. T. Murdock of Heber City, Utah.

Ralph Merriwether, Alpine, Texas, recently purchased 110 head of registered Rambouillet ewes from B. L. Trimble, San Angelo.

It is reported that Roger Gillis, Val Verde County ranchman, has

leased both his California and his home ranch to the Air Force for use as a bombing and strafing range. The reported lease was \$1.50 per acre. Some 7,000 head of the Gillis sheep were shipped to California in November.

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Fredericksburg F.F.A. Teams Win Honors at National Contest

THE FREDERICKSBURG F. F. A. Chapter represented Texas in both Livestock and Meat Judging at the National F.F.A. Judging Contest held at Kansas City, Missouri, this past October. The Fredericksburg F.F.A. Meat judging team composed of Kermit Wahrmund, Henry Frantzen, and Clayton Behrends placed in the first group of teams of the 48 states to win the Gold Emblem award. All of the top six teams of the nation received a similar award. Wahrmund and Frantzen both placed in the first group of individuals and were presented gold medals. Behrends placed in the second group and was presented a silver medal.

The Fredericksburg Livestock team placed in the second group and was presented the silver emblem award for the second rating. Team members A. C. Kast and Alton Moelling both placed in the second group of individuals and were presented silver medals. Harvey Ellebracht the other member of the team placed in the third group of individuals and was presented a bronze medal. These two teams had previously won the State contest for F.F.A. members at Texas

A.&M. College last May. The livestock team won first place at the District contest held at the Fitzsimmons Ranch near Llano at which 32 teams participated; First at the Area Contest held at Tarleton State College, Stephenville; First at the State Contest at Texas A.&M. College; and First at the Aberdeen-Angus Field Contest held at Fredericksburg.

The State Contest represents some 950 High Schools and Departments of Vocational Agriculture. The Meat Team had previously placed first in the Area Contest held at Swift and Company at San Antonio and first at Texas A.&M. College State Contest. The Fredericksburg F.F.A. Chapter won the Sweepstakes Award for the State for all Judging contest in the State F.F.A. Contest. The Fredericksburg Dairy Cattle Judging Team placed fourth in the State, the Poultry team placed eighth and the Dairy products team placed tenth. All five teams piled up the highest school score for the state to capture the Sweepstakes Award. The Fredericksburg F.F.A. Chapter was a co-winner of the Sweepstakes Award last year, 1951.



Fredericksburg F.F.A. meat and livestock judging teams win gold and silver awards at the National F.F.A. Judging Contest, held at Kansas City, Missouri, this past October. Standing is the Gold Emblem Meat Judging Team, left to right: Clayton Behrends, Kermit Wahrmund, Henry Frantzen, and Joe Tatum, teacher of Vocational Agriculture and Coach of the teams. Kneeling is the Silver Emblem Livestock Judging team. Left to right: A. C. Kast, Alton Moelling, and Harvey Ellebracht.

The top six teams in the National Contest were given gold plaques and the second group were given silver. These two teams represented the State of Texas in these two events at the National Contest. These two teams had previously won the State F.F.A. Contest at Texas A.&M. College last Spring.



Fredericksburg F.F.A. Chapter are Sweepstakes winner of the State F.F.A. Judging Contest for the past year. Of the five contests sponsored by the State F.F.A. organization the Fredericksburg school qualified all five teams in the high ten percent to be eligible for state competition. In the State Contest they piled up the highest score for any school. The Livestock Team placed first in District, Area and State. Meat Team first in Area and State. Dairy Cattle Judging Team placed fourth in the Area and also fourth in the State contest. The Poultry team placed sixth in the Area and eighth in the State contest. Dairy Products placed eighth in the Area and twenty-second in the State. The group is pictured with their Area and State banners and trophies.

Top row standing: Hayden Grona, dairy team; Kermit Wahrmond and Henry Frantzen, meat team; Seddie Durst, dairy team; Harvey Ellebracht, livestock team; and Willie Gaines, dairy team.

Second row: Clayton Behrends, meat team; Eldon Ray Feller and Freddie Hartmann, dairy products; Alton Moellering and A. C. Kast, livestock team.

Kneeling: Warren Percy, Vocational Agriculture Teacher; James Eckhardt, Curtis Eckhardt, and Floyd Immel, poultry team; Curtis Weirich, dairy products team; and Joe Tatum, Vocational Agriculture Teacher.

AN UNUSUAL YEAR IN VAL VERDE COUNTY

J. AUTREY WALKER, Executive Vice-President of the Del Rio National Bank, in Val Verde County, points out that 1952 has been a very unusual year, starting in drouth and with the drouth continuing for the third consecutive year. A great deal of money has been taken out of the territory for feed and while lamb and wool prices were fairly good earlier in the year they fell off later and income did not measure up with that of the previous year. All wool has been sold at better than government support prices.

Mr. Walker also points out that recent beneficial rains have added to prospects but a general rain would be needed to strengthen prices and activate the large potential demand for breeding ewes.

Mr. Walker also commented upon the unusual success Val Verde County ranchmen have had in feeding black strap molasses, which feed he says has cut in half the ranchmen's feed bill.

In general Mr. Walker is optimistic and believes that the sheep industry in that area will come back quickly as soon as good rains fall.

Jack Neil, Executive Vice-President of the First National Bank, Sotiora, reports less livestock in Sutton County than ever before. He wishes for general rain.

Hope for 1953 is felt by C. A. Northington, Vice-President of Peoples National Bank, Lampasas. Good rains have given hope to farmers and ranchmen but low prices are holding down profits, he says.

The long range weather forecasters claim we are at the end of a dry cycle and starting into a wet cycle, declares John Yantis, President of the First National Bank, Brownwood. He expresses a hope that they know what they are talking about. Recent rains have aided Brownwood territory and many are looking ahead "hopefully for more rains, better crops, grassy pastures, lower taxes and all the other good things that Santa Claus and the Republican Administration have promised us."

Clay Kuykendall, President of the City National Bank in San Saba, said that the county was hurt in 1951 and 1952 because of three things: dry weather, low prices and wet weather. The last is rather unusual but September floods did a lot of damage to poultry and livestock in that county. Prospects are good for 1953.

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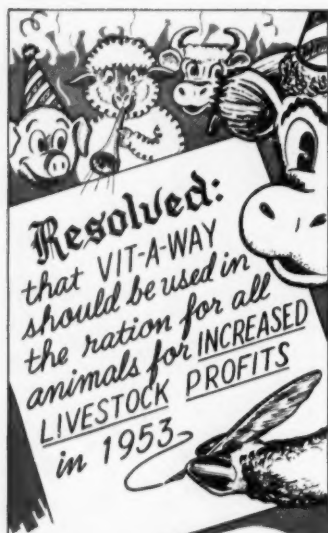
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Range Management for The Small Ranch

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"RANGE MANAGEMENT" is not for my small ranch." This attitude is often encountered by educators and professional agricultural workers and is one that must be overcome before the maintenance and improvement of range productivity becomes a way of life in American agriculture.

Several things have contributed to the development of this attitude. Probably of major importance is a lack of understanding on the part of the rancher as to just what a range management program is. Another is the relatively common idea that carrying out a range management program is expensive — too expensive for the small operator. A third contributing factor is that a sound range management program does not immediately become profitable.

Just what is a range management program? The exact nature of the program will vary from ranch to ranch according to the conditions existing. It may include such items as (1) adjusting the kinds and numbers of livestock to balance with the forage produced by the present range; (2) a system of rotation or deferred grazing to improve the composition and cover of the range; (3) brush eradication; (4) better distribution of grazing through proper fencing and salt placement; and (5) reseeding. Too often ranchers hold the idea that range management enthusiasts advocate selling off livestock and not much else. Even without a material reduction in

number of livestock, often an increase in the amount of forage produced is received through deferred and rotation grazing alone or in conjunction with other management principles.

Every good businessman knows that it takes money to make money. Therefore, if any unit is large enough to be operated at a profit under normal management, the same unit should be capable of producing a larger profit with some additional investment. Any improvement in farming or ranching operations usually means additional expense and lapse of time in order to produce the desired increase in profits. The same is true of range management. Ordinarily the small ranch of from 100 to 600 acres consists of some cultivated land which often produces as much or more feed and income than the native rangeland. Judicious use of cropland can materially reduce the expense and length of time involved in increasing range profits through a balanced range management program.

A typical range management program is that practiced by Arthur Blaschke on his 330-acre ranch in Kendall County near Waring, Texas, in the southeastern portion of the Edwards Plateau. The ranch consists of 65 acres in cultivation and two native pastures totaling 250 acres. Early in 1945, Blaschke started a complete conservation program on his ranch. First to receive treatment was the cropland, which was then used in conjunction with a range management program on the 250 acres of native range. The range improvement program consisted of a reduction in livestock numbers, clearing brush, and rotation grazing between the two pastures. The stocking rate with cattle, sheep, and goats at one animal unit to 6 acres was reduced to one animal unit to 10 acres with cattle and goats alone. Some brush was cleared by ax, some by bulldozer. Grazing was rotated between the two pastures according to the needs of the grass and to the amount of brush sprouting.

The results of this management program have been outstanding. Forage production on the pastures has been increased by more than 50% and no feeding has been done since 1945. Feed produced on the cropland that was previously needed to maintain livestock on the range during the winter is now utilized for fattening calves prior to marketing. Range calves which were previously marketed at eight months weighing 400 pounds now average 550 pounds. Blaschke now uses his feed to fatten these calves during the winter so that they are placed on the early spring market averaging 900 pounds. Since

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N. E. Linnartz is a senior in the Range and Forestry Department at Texas A. & M. College. He was named the outstanding student in range management at the recent meeting of the Texas section, American Society of Range Management in Alpine, December 8.

1945 the calf crop consistently has been 100% and the kid crop has jumped from 75% to 90%. The average production of mohair per goat has increased from six pounds to eight pounds.

The cost of the establishment of the conservation program was \$728 for the construction of four miles of field terraces, \$600 for the construction of 2,200 feet of diversions, and \$630 for clearing brush; or a total of \$1,958. The average yearly increase in mohair has been 200 pounds. The average yearly increase in beef production has been 2,700 pounds, since the calves are now being fattened before marketing. At average market prices for the period 1945-1950, this represents a yearly increase in income of \$795. Thus, the monetary expense of establishing the entire conservation program was eradicated in less than three years. In addition, the smaller number of livestock has decreased the labor required for handling and decreased the capital investment; and the improved grass growth, with its subsequent improved soil condition and reduced soil erosion and water run-off, has materially increased the real estate value of the ranch.

The rotation grazing system has been continued and the droughts of 1951 and 1952 have not noticeably reduced the amount of forage available for grazing. Consequently, the original increase in production of

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Management

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pounds of beef and mohair have been maintained. Blaschke is thoroughly convinced that a range management program is practical and profitable for the small rancher.

The use of cropland for grazing livestock during periods of range deferment should be an integral part of a range management program. Mixtures of small grains and sweetclovers for fall, winter and spring grazing

and sudan for summer grazing provide excellent opportunities for periods of range deferment. Although a complete deferment from early spring until after frost is desirable, any period of rest during this season will be beneficial.

Cropland can be especially useful in a coordinated range management program where irrigation is possible, particularly in the drier regions of the state. On the W. A. Guinn Ranch south of San Angelo, spring deferment of native range was made possible by the use of irrigated pastures. A level border irrigation system was installed in 1951 on 38 acres of cropland. On September 1, 1951, the land was seeded to Kentucky 31 fescue, orchardgrass, perennial ryegrass, vetch, and alfalfa. On March 1, 1952, Vernon Golden, the manager of the ranch, started grazing these cool season plants with 90 cows and 88 calves. In late April, an additional 42 yearlings were placed on the 38 acres. All of the stock was removed late in June to permit the grasses to enter their

summer dormancy. In spite of this heavy grazing pressure, about two tons of hay had to be removed.

Golden asserts that the irrigation system more than paid for itself in this four-month period by furnishing excellent grazing for beef production and by allowing deferment from grazing of his native range, which made some remarkable growth under drouth conditions. Additional rest will be allowed when fall grazing is practiced on the irrigated pastures.

Although few small ranches may be equipped with irrigation systems on cropland, other grazing crops may be extremely useful in a range management program. The important fact is that a range management program can be carried out on any economic agricultural unit. The small rancher must realize that any range improvement program is a long-range program and some monetary outlay may be necessary.

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Molasses Grows in Favor as a Livestock Feed Supplement

THERE HAS been much discussion and considerable publicity on the use of molasses in livestock feeding in 1952. During the year probably more livestock has been fed sweet stuff than ever before in history, especially in the area south of Sonora, mainly in Val Verde County. It is about the cheapest protein feed easily available to the ranchmen, although some veterinarians are very emphatic in saying that there is a great potential danger in feeding too much of it and that some serious losses may occur if molasses is not balanced with dry forage.

Containers for feeding molasses have been somewhat at a premium and ranchmen have been scurrying around having galvanized tin troughs made. Others are using castoff hot water heaters, and some are using oil and gasoline barrels sawed in half.

One suggestion is that a four-inch pipe be used, sawed in half and 15 to 20 feet long. At one end the container could be elevated to allow molasses to trickle into the pipe. At the other end a barrel could be placed to catch any surplus that might escape the licking of the livestock. The idea is to serve the sweet stuff in as small a container as possible and to spread the livestock over considerable space. Little leakage is likely and molasses can leak out of a pin hole. But this is just an idea and hasn't been tried so far as we know.

Some ranchmen declare that molasses has taken them through last winter and they feel that it will carry them through this winter. Most of the area in which livestock is being fed molasses has considerable dry grass, weeds and leaves to supplement molasses.

The people hardest hit around Santo are the cattlemen who have been hurt by the drouth and a depressed market, according to W. E. Brannen, one of the organizers of the Texas Phenothiazine Company and president of the First National Bank of Santo. Both farm and ranch conditions are expected to improve, due to recent rains, he pointed out.

Business will take on new life in West Texas and drouth damage will soon be repaired, according to C. B. Bryant, President of the National Bank of Sweetwater in a recent statement to the Texas Bankers Record. General business in that area is better than expected in spite of the drop in livestock prices and the drouth.

E. C. Edens of Coleman reports that livestock population in the county has been considerably reduced but

that most of the farmers and ranchmen are holding onto their top quality breeding stock.

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DROUTH AFFECTS WINTER FEEDS

by Dr. A. J. Dyer,
University of Missouri, Columbia



Dr. A. J. Dyer

Widespread drouth last summer and fall has produced a winter feeding problem for owners of breeding cows and ewes.* Rations are likely to be short in protein, phosphorus and vitamin A content. To overcome any such deficiency in the ration of breeding cows—which is essential to a healthy, vigorous calf crop next spring—there are several steps that should be considered: 1) Try to provide at least 5 lbs. of good-quality legume hay per day to each cow. The remainder may be low-quality roughage. 2) Give them 1½ to 2 lbs. of soybean, cottonseed or linseed meal, or a combination of these, for protein requirements. 3) Make a high phosphorus mineral supplement, and salt, available free choice. Steamed bone meal will supply both phosphorus and calcium. 4) Five pounds of good legume hay, or 10 to 15 pounds of good corn or grass silage will provide the daily requirements of vitamin A needed by your cows. If your hay or silage is not top quality, a supplement high in vitamin A should be fed.

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Martha Logan's Recipe for SPICY BEEF STEW

Yield: 6 servings

2 pounds beef stew meat, cut in 2-inch cubes	¼ teaspoon dry thyme
½ cup flour	1½ cups water
2 tablespoons fat	1 teaspoon whole cloves
½ teaspoon celery salt	6 onions
¼ teaspoon powdered garlic (or 1 clove chopped)	6 carrots
	6 potatoes
	¼ cup sliced green pepper

Spread meat on piece of waxed paper. Sprinkle flour over meat. Turn meat to coat all sides. (Save extra flour.) Brown floured meat on all sides in fat in a kettle. Remove browned meat from kettle. Sprinkle extra flour, celery salt, powdered garlic and thyme into kettle with fat. Gradually add water. Stir and cook until gravy is smooth and thickened. Return browned meat to kettle with gravy. Stick whole cloves into onions. Add onions, carrots, potatoes and green pepper to kettle. Cover and cook over low heat on top of range or in moderate oven (350° F.) for 2 hours or until meat and vegetables are tender.

been green, animals store up sufficient vitamin A in their bodies to last four or five months. In last year's drouth areas, this was not possible. But, by following the above recommendations, you may expect your cows: 1) to be in condition to produce normal calves, 2) to suckle them properly, and 3) to be in good breeding condition.

*Similar principles apply to the feeding of breeding ewes in drouth areas. Rations should be supplemented to overcome deficiencies.

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Next, let's look at wholesale prices. For example, in September, October and November the prices we got for wholesale beef sank way below the prices we received a year earlier. Those price decreases varied from \$4.40 a hundred pounds on choice beef to \$13.89 a hundred pounds on commercial cow beef. That means that wholesale prices were well below ceilings. Complicated price control regulations during this period continued to hamper normal distribution and merchandising procedures . . . prevented needed flexibility so essential in marketing increased supplies.

And that's not all. There's been a slump in by-product prices, too. Currently the price of hides has been about 17½¢ to 20¢ a pound—down from a high of 39¢ to 40¢. Tallow at 51¢ was the lowest October price in twelve years. The drop in variety meats alone (that's hearts, livers, etc.) is enough to make the average 1,000-pound "Good" grade steer worth \$7.10 less. Altogether, those by-product price declines make such a steer worth \$13.27 less on the hoof than twelve months earlier.

That's how it adds up—more meat to sell, at lower wholesale prices—also, more by-products, at far lower prices. And therefore lower prices for livestock; for, as you know, the price you receive for your livestock is governed by what the meat packers can get for the meat plus the by-products.

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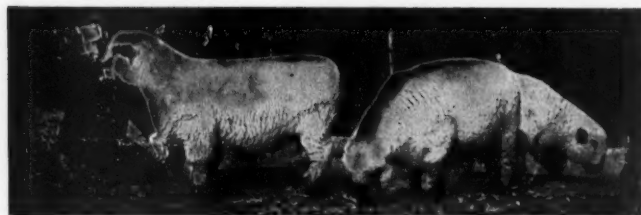
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How Administered

It may be administered in capsules or boluses, as a drench, or mixed with the feed if the animals are accustomed to eating grain. There should be plenty of trough space for all the animals to feed at once, and small or weak animals should be separated from the flock and fed separately. Phenothiazine may also be mixed with the salt and kept before the animals, one pound of the drug to nine or ten pounds of salt being used. The mixture should be fed in a covered trough to protect it from rain. A procedure suggested for sheep is to treat the ewes once in the early winter and once, just before they are put on pasture.

Additional Treatments

A phenothiazine-salt mixture should be kept before them at all times. It will probably be necessary to give one or more additional treatments to the lambs during the pasture season. Feeder lambs may be treated before being turned out on pasture.

Cattle. Phenothiazine is recommended for treating stomach worms, nodular worms, and several species of small intestinal roundworms. It is not effective against certain other species of intestinal roundworms, whipworms, or tapeworms. It may be given as a drench, in capsules or boluses, or mixed with the feed. A phenothiazine-salt mixture as recommended for sheep can also be used for calves, but not for dairy cows, since it may color the milk red.

Cattle are often treated with phenothiazine in the fall when they come off pasture and in the spring before they are again put on pasture. Other treatments during the grazing season may also be necessary, particularly in the calves. Because of the red color which may develop, milk from dairy cattle should not be marketed for a day or two after the animals are treated with phenothiazine. It is a good idea to treat feeder cattle as soon as possible after they are bought.

Horses. Phenothiazine is very effective against horse strongyles, but not against the large roundworms or against bots. At the university of Illinois, horses are treated with a mixture of phenothiazine and carbon di-

sulfide in order to expel strongyles, ascarids, and bots at the same time. Horses should be treated with phenothiazine in the fall, winter and early spring.

In some horses phenothiazine may cause either a slight or a marked anemia. In a very small percentage, death may even occur. Severe toxic effects are uncommon, however, and are most likely to occur in sick animals and in those in poor condition or in advanced pregnancy.

Dogs and Cats. Phenothiazine is not recommended for treating any parasites of dogs or cats.

Chickens and Turkeys. Phenothiazine is effective only against the cecal worm. It is not effective against the more pathogenic large roundworm or against tapeworms. However, since the cecal worm may carry the parasite causing histomoniasis (blackhead), it is advisable to treat turkeys for these worms. Phenothiazine is not a remedy for histomoniasis itself.

The drug is most easily administered when mixed with the feed, which should be fed in quantities small enough to be cleaned up in a few hours.

Phenothiazine is not a substitute for sanitation. Neither phenothiazine nor any other drug can be expected to take the place of good sanitation in the control of parasitic worms. Drugs cannot undo the damage already done by worms. The only way to prevent that damage is to prevent the worms from getting into the body in the first place, and that can be accomplished only by sanitation and good management.

Prevention

To help prevent parasite infestations: (1) Do not overstock pastures. (2) Rotate pastures frequently. (3) Separate young animals from adults as early as possible. (4) Feed an ample, well-balanced ration to increase resistance. (5) Supply adequate minerals. (6) Prevent contamination of the feed with manure. (7) Provide plenty of clean drinking water. (8) Avoid poorly drained pastures. (9) Remove manure from the barn often. Compost or spread it on ground where animals do not graze. (10) Provide clean, disinfected quarters or clean, noninfested pastures for birth of the young animals. Practice the McLean County system of swine sanitation.

—Timely Veterinary Suggestions.

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"Miracle" Grass Just Too Good

By LEON HALE
Post Farm-Ranch Editor

GOT A friend lives 15 or so miles down south of Houston who runs a few cows and generally takes life easy.

Ran into him the other day and he asked me if I'd like to hear about a miracle grass.

Hold on, I said, I've seen quite a few so-called miracle grasses but somehow none of them ever exactly committed any miracles.

This is different, he said. How'd you like to have a grass which doesn't care whether it ever rains or not and grows the year round, producing lots of grazing on any kind of soil?

Sounds good, if true, I said.

With this grass, he said, we would never have to bother about making hay or feeding cake. It is a tall, leafy plant with a root system like an oil well. It runs 35 per cent protein the year round, has all the vitamins a cow ever needs and is better than ground ear corn for fattening. This grass could revolutionize the livestock industry, he said.

This grass will grow anywhere, he went on. In river bottom, on poor hillsides, on deep sand, in the sun, in the shade, even standing in water.

How come it's so drought-resistant? I asked.

Way I got it figured, he said, the roots go down so deep it brings up its own water. I've found roots 150 feet deep, drawing up water like a vacuum pump. And you never have to fertilize it. The roots bring up plant food that's never been touched before.

Well, I said, if half you say is true we can make a million selling the seed.

It doesn't make seed he said. It doesn't even recognize the seasons. When most grasses are taking time out to make seed, this one is still growing like sixty and producing grazing. Turns out as much grazing in the dead of winter as it does in the spring. Never freezes back.

Well, I asked, if it doesn't make seed, how do you get it on your pasture?

Nothing to it, he said. Just throw out a sprig or two and it spreads from fence to fence in six weeks. Prevents erosion, solves drainage problems and in fact prevents all diseases and common cow ailments.

What's the name of this grass? I asked.

I call it "elcarim," he said. That's "miracle" spelled backwards. It's an amazing plant.

Where'd you get this grass?

Got a cousin in the Army out in the Pacific. He sent me some sprigs.

Got any growing on your place now?

Nope. Had some, but had to plow it up. When cows get a taste of it they don't want anything else. My

neighbors' cattle kept tearing down my fences getting to it.

You planning to sell it and get rich?

Meant to, at first, he said, but decided not to.

Why not?

Well, he said, it'd make livestock raising too simple. All you'd have to do is throw a little of my grass out and sit back.

It prevents all livestock ailments, so it might run the veterinarians out of business. We'd quit shipping cattle to the Middle west for fattening because we could fatten 'em on my grass without spending a nickel. That would run the feeders out of business and hurt the railroads and truckers.

With my grass, there'd be no need for any kind of soil improvement, no terraces, no drainage work, nothing — just sit back and grow beef.

Furthermore, he went on, my grass would make producing meat so simple city folks would be planting a little in their own backyard and growing their beef — and mutton and pork and goat, too. It might kill the meat packing industry, and I got kinfolks in that business.

Anyway, meat would be so plentiful we'd all get fed up and quit eating it.

I see your point, I said.

Yeah, he said, I got the best thing that ever hit the livestock industry, and can't use it. Must be a moral there somewhere.

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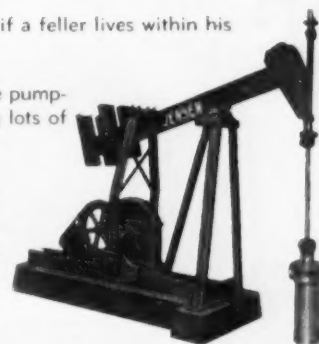
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It was an order to pay, drawn in the modern manner, by the payer on his banker, who was a goldsmith. In those days money was often deposited with goldsmiths, and was used by them as a basis for loans, with interest paid on them. Drafts on these goldsmiths, which might be used in payment, as in the case shown, introduced the check system as we know it today.

The Story Behind Your Checkbook

EVEN IF you never wrote a check, one is almost certain to enter your economic life sooner or later. The reason: 5 billion checks are written each year in the United States—that's almost 14,000,000 a day — and these checks cover 90 per cent of all the exchange of money both business and personal, in the U. S.

Because checks play such a vital part in our economic life, signposts have been set up to guide the check writer. The American Bankers Association points out that efficient business operation often depends upon the way a check is written. Legible writing helps, of course, and for your own protection amounts should be

written as close as possible to the left hand margins of the appropriate lines. The A.B.A. says also that if there's a difference between the check amount in words and the amount written in figures, it is the amount in words that fixes the amount of the check. Another tip: if you should receive a check with your name spelled incorrectly, endorse it exactly as spelled — then add your official signature.

Machines Take Over

Once your check is cashed or deposited to your account, the machine age takes over in the staid world of banking. Proof machines, those commercial electronic "brains," prove, sort, list and endorse your check in

one simple, time-saving operation. Using proof machines for this work is one of the foremost advances in banking practice in recent years, because it is the fastest known way of processing deposited items, and because it mechanically endorses every check correctly. Previous methods depended to a large extent on the human element, and an error made by either the bank clerk or depositor meant loss of time and money in locating the difference.

Long before this modern age checks were already part of the economic life of nations. The need for some handy means to serve as a bill of exchange payable on demand was evident in England and Holland as early as the 17th century, and some banking historians tell us the seeds of the modern check were sown in ancient Rome. Others give the nod to the Assyrians who, they claim had transfer checks something like our bank checks as far back as the 7th or even 9th century, B. C. The earliest checks to come

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down to us were drawn in London and are dated March and September 1664 and August 1675. The first printed check was issued in 1762, in London, by the House of Child, which by the way, is still in existence.

Since then, the use of the printed check has grown, but some people still go on writing their checks on whatever material is available, because as long as a check is properly made out it can be written on anything. Here in the U. S. checks have been written in lipstick on a handkerchief, on cigarette paper, on calling cards, envelopes, fragile valentines and even a tough steel plate that had to be endorsed with a blow torch. And, in 1950, a hard-boiled egg, its shell properly inscribed, was presented at the Victoria, B. C., branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and cashed with no trouble for its full amount.

Today, with banks providing left-handed checkbooks for southpaw customers to make things easier for them, efficiency is certainly being highlighted. The moral: Whether in simple things like left-handed checks or in complex operations, banking everywhere is looking for efficiency in operation as well as accuracy. It has to, because customers want both. But there also is another moral that can be drawn from all these facts; that the cooperation between American industry and American banking that helped produce the proof machine means greater banking benefits for everyone. —From J. B. Donnelly, International Business Machines Corp.

GOOD TALK

THE 1952 Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association award for outstanding work in sheep and goats was won by Joe David Ross, Sonora, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ross. In a morning session, Joe David was presented to the membership at the convention. His comments on the award, his work in winning it, and his sincere thanks to the Association were well spoken and well received. He received a trip to Chicago to the International Livestock Exposition.

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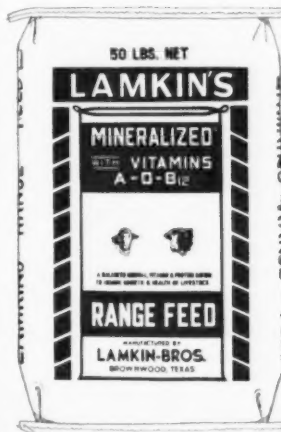
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By John Harms

THE NEXT Agriculture Secretary, Ezra Taft Benson, hasn't wasted any time in getting started with plans to reorganize the USDA. Present laws rule out early changes in many Department programs, such as price supports, but there are no legal reasons preventing the incoming USDA boss from making revisions in methods of carrying out the programs.

Benson, as this is written, is in Washington for private talks with farm leaders, following earlier talks with influential rural leaders in the West and Mid-West. You won't find him making the results public until some time after the inauguration on January 20, but here is the gist of what is being done and said behind the scenes. Watch for future action along these lines:

(1) Watch for the new Secretary to name a non-government, Federal Farm Commission, to advise USDA on programs and policy. It will be a "citizens' cabinet" composed of approximately 12 men representing various regions of the country... men who understand broad economic problems in their areas, particularly farm problems as they relate to the regional welfare generally.

(2) Early moves can be expected by Benson to coordinate USDA conservation work. The present agencies probably will be maintained, but brought closer together, along lines already laid down by Brannan. However, unlike Brannan, Benson it likely to take a dim view of the Department's large action arm, the Production Marketing Administration, and to divest it of its present power to make conservation payments to farmers. These payments now amounting to \$250 million per year, but probably to be reduced in the future, are almost sure to be made through another agency — perhaps the Soil Conservation Service or the Extension Service, or both. There is some possibility that they will be made to states on a grants-in-aid basis and distributed locally.

(3) Top hands presently in the Department will be fired, or quit, but don't look for Benson to oust USDA workers, wholesale. After 20 years of Democratic rule, it will take a while for Benson to make changes in any but the top echelons. Also, only about one percent of federal employees have patronage jobs; the rest are protected by Civil Service regulations.

(4) Look for Benson to reorganize the Department along the general line laid out four years ago by the Hoover Commission, named by the outgoing administration to study government functions. Arthur S. Fleming, named recently by President-elect Eisenhower to a committee of three to study government reorganization plans, also was a member of the Hoover Commission. And others close to the next President are inclined to favor the Hoover findings. The Hoover recommendations on USDA call for parceling out many of PMA's functions to other agencies; for tightening up of Department budget procedures for consolidation of field offices to make things easier for farmers; and for general coordination of the USDA into seven major "Services" — Commodity Adjustment, Agricultural Resources Conservation, Extension, Research, the Agricultural Credit, Rural Electrification, and Regulatory Service.

Slipping farm prices — they've fallen off some two percent each month for four months — could be a source of early trouble to the Eisenhower administration. Ike's team is pledged to economy in government, but also, in the case of agriculture, to continuation of price supports. These can be costly when markets are on the decline.

Latest official reports already show average farm prices at slightly less than 100 percent of parity. That means that some commodities are selling at considerably less.

The real danger point — in terms of heavy market subsidies — has not yet been reached. But it could be soon with further declines in prices.

Benson would like to meet the threat outside of government to the extent possible. Among other plans in the works, he expects to initiate an early study of price spreads between the farmer and consumer, along with more research programs aimed at reduction of handling, processing, and distribution costs.

There's a ray of light in the cattle outlook, as USDA insiders view the future. They are revising earlier estimates, and saying that prices could remain about where they are now throughout the New Year, instead of declining further.

The guess is based on the theory that consumer income and demand will be strong enough to offset expected further increases in cattle numbers. Present forecast is for some 93

million head on farms and ranches as of January 1, with another 5-million increase in numbers during the New Year.

New farm bosses at USDA are not expected to alter handling of price support programs in any important way. The 1953 wool support, as already announced, will be similar to the program carried out in the current year.

The nonrecourse and advance loans on shorn stuff are scheduled to be available to producers from May 1, 1953 through March 31, 1954. Pulled wool purchase is to be made during the same period, and approved wool handlers are to operate the program.

Dollars-and-cents support levels will be announced by the Department about April 1, based on guarantees at 90 percent of parity.

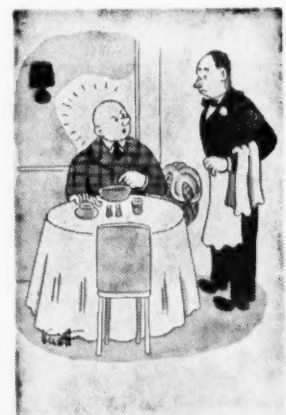
There is mounting evidence in Washington that the incoming administration is shifting in its attitude toward price-wage controls. Instead of elimination of controls, it now appears likely that they will be maintained — but on a standby basis only — after expiration of the present controls law next April 30.

This means that ceiling on farm commodities would be removed, but that Congress and the President would keep authority to place them back in force, in case of emergencies.

The process of decontrol of individual products will be continued by both outgoing and incoming administrations until May 1.

CROPPING DEER

IT IS a well known fact that it is as necessary to remove surplus deer from a range as it is to remove surplus sheep. Failure to do so results in overcrowding, leading to losses of animals through starvation, disease and attacks of parasites. Such losses benefit no one and the feed consumed to raise these lost deer and sheep is wasted. Deer take as much managing as sheep and are even harder to control in numbers as with lighter stocking of sheep more deer invade the range. Cropping through hunting is just as necessary to proper range conservation as selling off surplus sheep.



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Ezra Taft Benson Named Next Secretary of Agriculture

THE NEXT U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, is a man perhaps best described by the words frugal . . . honest . . . individualistic . . . cautious . . . religious.

One of Benson's important jobs has been as Executive Secretary in Washington of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, a fact that has prompted some to predict privately that the cooperatives may get special favors. This is not necessarily to be expected.

Benson believes in individual action with an almost religious fervor. He says the "personal independence and initiative" of co-op members must be maintained at all costs.

"Let cooperatives," he says, "teach the youth of America that the world does not owe them a living. Nobody owes them anything for crops they don't grow, or goods they don't produce, or work they won't do . . ."

There is little doubt that Benson's philosophy of government will prompt him to work for a shift from federal to farmer responsibility for many programs now operated by USDA. On this point he is thought to be more determined than Sen. Robt. Taft of Ohio, who is a distant relative.

Benson, almost certainly, will bend his efforts toward reducing the number of and amount of federal subsidies now going to U.S. farmers at the rate of some \$2 billion annually. His big problem will be to find substitutes for present subsidy programs that square up with the political facts of life.

Benson's passion for individualism — and dislike for paternalism in government — are clear from recent remarks that he put on the record. For instance:

"Compared with the all-too-common philosophy that the government should protect one from the cradle to the grave, the founders of this nation taught that 'that government is best which governs least' . . ."

"Every young man requires the spur of insecurity to force him to do his best. In some way we must inspire him to do his best. . ."

"We must take a stand against undue governmental paternalism and be willing to stand up and be counted. . ."

"Can any man be politically free who depends upon the State for sustenance?"

There's no reason to suppose that the new Secretary will discriminate in favor of one agricultural region of the country as opposed to others. A Westerner, his schooling and experience with agriculture are broad. His cooperative work has prompted concern for special problems of agriculture in all parts of the country.

Born in Whitney, Idaho, on August 4, 1899, Benson is the great grandson of Ezra T. Benson who entered the Salt Lake Valley with Brigham Young in 1847. Since his birth, the Secretary-designate has been steeped in history and traditions of the Mormon religion, as well as being one of its leaders.

His education is in the specialties of agricultural economics and marketing, and he has been both a county agent and State Extension Service employee. He was educated at Utah State Agricultural College, Brigham Young University, Iowa State College and the University of Southern California.

Appointed one of twelve Apostles, or governors, of the Mormon Church in 1943, he was named in 1946 to preside as President of the European Mission of the Church in London.

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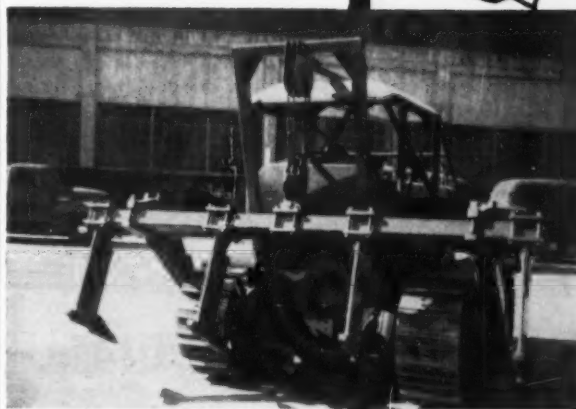
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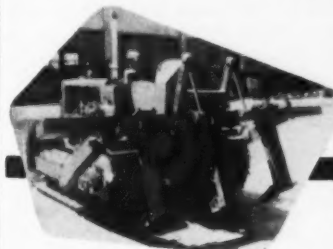
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Here Are Some Serious and Encouraging
Thoughts at the Turn of the Year:

Sheep Industry Can Overcome Problems

By D. S. BELL, Secretary
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THROUGHOUT practically all of recorded history sheep have been the symbol of peace and contentment, of love and compassion, of unity and tranquility, and of wealth. It has always appeared, too, that where one finds a person who really likes sheep — as opposed to those who merely commercialize them — one finds also those qualities inherent in the individual which the symbolism portrays.

Wealth

There may be some who will chuckle over the use of the word "wealth" as a symbol in view of what price fixing did to the industry during the war period and in view of experiences with the wool market during the past year. Wealth, in the sense in which it is used, however, refers first to food and clothing — two essentials of life. Wealthy indeed are the peoples who always have these two essentials at hand. One need only ponder the problems and vicissitudes of those gaunt and ill from the hunger of famine and clothed in the filthy rags of poverty to know how really wonderful it is to be well fed and warmly clothed. Wealth, too, bespeaks of the mind and the spirit of the individuals. Wealth is the sum total of our spiritual, moral, and economic possessions. All of these are within the symbolism of the sheep industry. It is an industry where potentialities are so great and its symbolism so broadly inclusive that wars have been waged because of it, empires have been built around it, and the future of the world in many instances has been determined by it. In fact, it seems that it has been so vital to so many peoples for so many reasons in so many places throughout so many eras that nearly everyone has wanted to help run it. To be trite in the midst of serious thought — maybe that is again the present trouble with it?

Sheep Industry Very Much Alive

Every now and again we hear the remark that the sheep industry is dying out. Let us not be ridiculous in our thinking, too. Sometimes it takes great faith and strong courage to meet the problems created by a long and serious drought that parches the land. Sometimes we are hard pressed to understand the philosophy and nature of barter and trade agreements which create economic problems between nations and which sometimes adversely affect the welfare of one country's peoples vs. another's. Sometimes we face the threat and soundings-off by the new proponents that a new fiber will obsolete wool and replace it in the textile industry. Actually are we not rationalizing on the problems instead of studying them and solving

them so that the sheep industry may continue and thrive?

Rain will eventually arrive to grow green grass. Barter and trade agreements will have to be equitably adjusted and solved to arrive at economic balances which are naturally satisfactory and equitable for peoples. Synthetic fiber, which is the current "threat," will be nothing more than another competing fiber. It may be a vast asset instead of a threat in view of the population increases and no more additional acres available for grazing or for the growing of vegetable fiber. We should keep in mind that the arrival of the fiber from the silk worm gave rise to the notion that such competition might obsolete the traditional husbandry of Britain and destroy much of her industrialization of the era. We should keep in mind that cotton ginning opened a vast new reservoir for the production of fiber direct from the soil without an animal to convert vegetable material into something of textile value and use. It isn't the time to rationalize to fear, to write off an essential industry that has always been an important part of nearly every country's agricultural economy. It may be the time to plan for the future; to study our problems and to solve them.

Animal Health — A Problem To Be Solved

Only a few days ago I saw an estimate calculated in terms of dollars, the purpose of which was to show the value of the livestock lost through disease and death. In this particular case the loss was calculated to amount to \$77,000,000.00 out of an annual return from this one state's livestock industry of \$249,000,000.00. The solving of the problems of animal health offers the way to increase the return by nearly 30 per cent. The figures arrived at did not include the



"Apparently the horses can read here in Texas."

losses from infant mortality which seem to be a part of the problem of the livestock producer. They did not include the loss that results from shy breeding, sterility, and the inherent qualities that lower productive value of the livestock. The estimate did not include the lowered income that follows from mal-nutrition in all of its forms the nation's flocks and herds. It did not attempt to evaluate the improvement that is possible through the development and application of newer knowledge covering breeding and selection. Add it all together and it appears doubtful whether present methods and current knowledge have advanced far enough to get more than 50 per cent of the potential earnings that the industry affords. The harnessing of this potential through the development and application of new knowledge will certainly improve the outlook and increase the income. To be sure the problems are not yet solved but they will be solved and with this solution will come improved efficiency and increased return.

Grass

Grass is the backlog of our nation's food supply. Acreage-wise it is our most important farm crop. The paradox is that it lies as the least improved of all farm produce. It represents a vast potential for improvement and increased return lying at our finger-tips. It represents another way through which we can create new "wealth."

It is possible to enlarge this line of thought by extending it into many fields where undeveloped potential awaits understanding and application. It assures us that now is not the time to forget our symbolisms, to overlook the vast potentialities, or, to ignore the full significance of what this means in our great nation.

Thus far nothing has been said about Merinos. The year 1952 will be recorded as one involving new effort and considerable success. In July the breeders of Merino sheep undertook their first sale. With the wool market at a standstill many were reluctant to undertake it. The result, however, was that six new flocks were founded. The quality stock consigned brought good prices. Plans are under way to repeat the undertaking in 1953. Reluctance and hesitation, fear and doubt, are not a part of progress.

During the last war period when wool price fixation wrecked havoc with the breeders and producers of

fine wool sheep many flocks gave up their registered status, but were kept pure in breeding. A plan was developed early in 1952 which allows reconstitution of these flocks. Up to this time nine have been inspected and their records of breeding attested. The largest one included 140 ewes of very high quality. There are several others awaiting their turn. The probability is that more than twenty very excellent flocks will be added to the Merino fraternity as a result of the year's effort. Breeders are joining together with new thought, new objectives, new optimism and renewed enthusiasm. As one grower stated it — "this is grass country, sheep convert it, and Merino sheep are the one's best adapted to this job."

MOHAIR TO \$1 A POUND

IN A mid-November purchase, C. J. Webre, Jr., San Angelo, buyer for Forte, Dupee & Sawyer, Boston, and Jack Taylor, Kerrville, representing the same firm, made a purchase of some 350,000 pounds of mohair from the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company, Sonora. The price was \$1.00 per pound for adult and \$1.25 for kid.

In the buying spurt which brought mohair prices to the mark predicted some time ago by Fred Earwood, manager of the Sonora warehouse, most of the remaining 1952 mohair was taken out of the hands of Texas warehouses.

In addition to the purchase at Sonora, the same buyers secured 70,000 pounds from the Hollis Blackwell warehouses, Goldthwaite; 50,000 lbs. from J. D. Varga, Rocksprings; 70,000 from the Ranchman's Wool and Mohair Warehouse, Ingram; 40,000 of the Ranchers Wool & Mohair Company, Bandera; and 100,000 from the Junction Warehouse Company, Junction. In addition, approximately 50,000 pounds were bought in the Fredricksburg area.

On November 23, Leroy Russell, San Angelo livestock dealer, took delivery on 2,500 head of three- and four-year-old Corriedale-Rambouillet ewes from the E. F. Noelke Estate, Rankin. The price was \$6 and \$7. The ewes were sent to southern New Mexico to fill orders. In this deal there was also 320 head of 60-pound lambs which brought 14 cents which were sent north on order.



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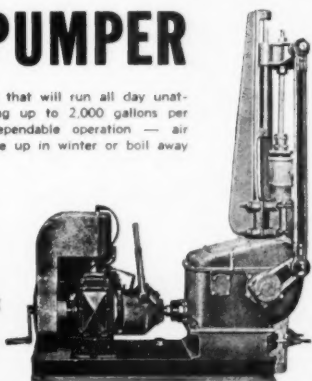
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In Memoriam

JOHN DISSLER

JOHN DISSLER, 69, Del Rio, a life-long ranchman of Val Verde County, was killed November 1 in an automobile accident four miles north of Comstock. Mr. Dissler was born near Boerne in 1883. He came to Val Verde County in 1889. In 1919 he married the former Miss Nellie McFaddin who survives. Other survivors include a son, John Dissler, Del Rio; a brother, Ben Dissler, El Dorado Springs, Mo., and several nephews.

C. THOMAS PARKER

C. THOMAS PARKER, 69, one of Texas' veteran wool buyers, died in San Angelo, November 13, after having suffered a stroke a few hours earlier.

Mr. Parker came to Texas in 1919 with a background steeped in the various aspects of raw wool handling and merchandising. He had worked for the first National Wool Growers' Association, the Ben Harris Company as manager of the Chicago branch of the National organization and later was vice-president of Ryder & Brown Co., Boston. In 1930 he became the Texas buyer for Emery & Conant, Boston. He was representing Emery, Russell & Goodrich, Boston, at the time of his death.

Mr. Parker was born in Providence, R. I., April 14, 1883. In 1908 he married Miss Georgia Stintzi.

Survivors include the wife, one daughter, Mrs. Blanks Oglesby, San Angelo, and three grandchildren.

RUSSELL W. WILKINS

RUSSELL W. WILKINS, 50, of Denver, Colorado and Wilkins, Nevada, died in his sleep in a train bound for Salt Lake City, Utah, the night of November 25.

Mr. Wilkins operated the large ranching, real estate and livestock outfit of Wilkins & Co., Ltd., with headquarters in Denver. He also owned large holdings in several mountain states.

Born in New Hampton, Iowa and reared in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Wilkins moved to Ogden, Utah about 1926 and later to Broomfield, Colorado. About six years ago he and his family moved to Wilkins, Nevada where they have made their home since.

His widow and four sons survive.

J. W. FORESTER

J. W. FORESTER, Val Verde County ranchman, died August 20, 1952. He had been in bad health about seven years.

Mr. Forester was born in Henderson County, September 21, 1883. He married Miss Jernie Crews December 16, 1903. He moved with his family to Val Verde County in 1922.

He was one of the first to bring Suffolk sheep to the Del Rio area and was one of the first to start the Suffolk-cross bred lambs in that area, topping the market many times with them.

Surviving are the widow and three children, J. D. Forester, Durango, Mex.; G. H. Forester, Del Rio; and Mrs. Max Martin, Corpus Christi.

DR. VICTOR KEIDEL

DR. VICTOR KEIDEL, 70, prominent physician and surgeon of Fredericksburg, Texas, died November 10, the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident which took the lives of Dr. Victor Keidel, his brother, Dr. Felix Keidel, 69, a retired dentist, and William Grona, 64, of Kerrville.

Dr. Keidel was from a long line of medical men. His grandfather, the late Dr. William Keidel came to Fredericksburg with the early German colonists who founded Fredericksburg. Dr. Albert Keidel succeeded his father in the medical practice and in 1902, Dr. Victor Keidel began the practice of medicine, making 106 years of uninterrupted medical service to the people of the Hill Country.

In 1938 Dr. Victor Keidel built the Keidel Memorial Hospital in memory of his grandfather and his father. The hospital is operated by Dr. J. Hardin Perry, son-in-law of Dr. Victor Keidel.

Dr. Victor Keidel was born at Fredericksburg, January 9, 1882, a son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Albert Keidel. He was a member of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 794, AF&AM; Alzafar Shrine Temple at San Antonio and Fredericksburg Hermann Sons Lodge. He was very active in civic work; was a life member of the Texas Parent-Teachers Association; was keenly interested in politics; and had extensive ranching interests in the Hill Country.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Clara Stieler; one son, Albert Keidel of Comfort, and three daughters, Mrs. Henry Schmidt, Mrs.

J. Hardin Perry and Mrs. Albert Givighano, and two brothers, Dr. Werner Keidel and Kurt Keidel, all of Fredericksburg.

MRS. R. A. HALL

MRS. R. A. HALL, 84, died in San Angelo, November 4. She was the former Enpha A. Baker of San Saba and was married to R. A. Hall, San Angelo, in February 1892.

Mrs. Hall was the wife of the late Mr. Hall who was well-known to West Texas as a banker and civic leader.

Surviving her are six children: F. Vosberg Hall, Louis P. Hall and Mortimer Hall, all of San Angelo; Mrs. J. L. Blair, Warren, Pa.; Mrs. R. H. Woods, Midland and Mrs. H. K. Greenleaf, Fort Worth.

JOHN H. BROWN

JOHN HARWOOD BROWN, 48, ranchman of Edwards County died October 17 in Rocksprings, Texas, as a result of a heart attack on his ranch near Rocksprings. Mr. Brown was born in Rocksprings, April 1904, attending local schools and the Southwestern University at Georgetown.

Survivors include the widow, the former Miss Ivy Young, his mother, Mrs. J. T. Brown, Rocksprings; two sisters, Mrs. A. J. Clark, Rocksprings and Mrs. W. P. Hendrix, Junction; three brothers, Jack of Post, Joe of Wichita Falls, and Dor of Rocksprings.

ALFRED A. WRIGHT

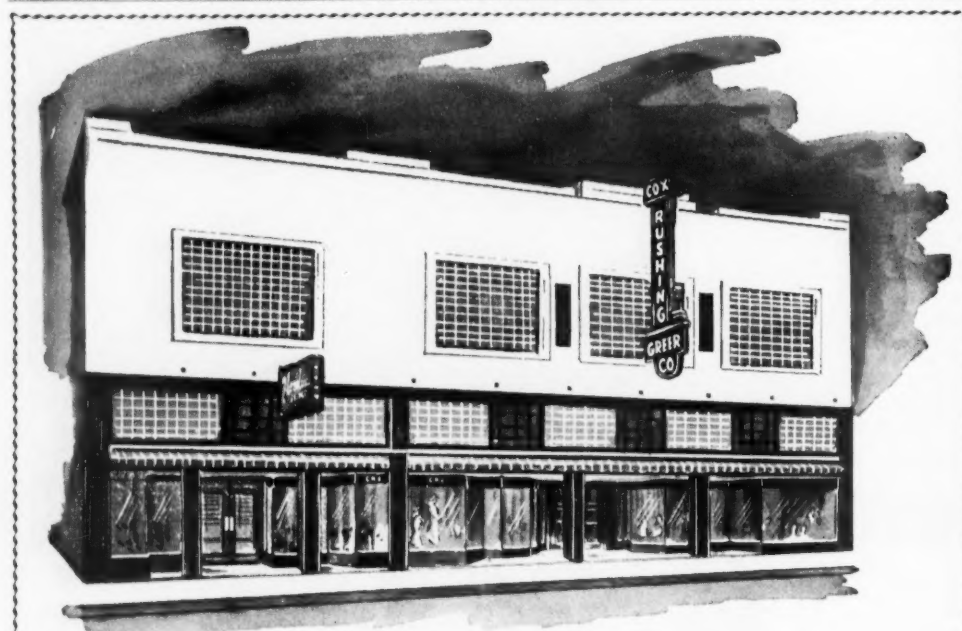
ALFRED A. WRIGHT, 67, well-known to Texas ranchmen as one of the leading financiers of the state, died November 2 in Fort Worth after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Wright was the executive vice-president and general manager of the National Finance Credit Corporation of Fort Worth, well-known lending agency of the livestock industry. Mr. Wright was formerly of Alice, Texas.

Survivors include the wife, a daughter and two brothers.

CHARLES F. BODE

CHARLES FRED BODE, 70, Sonora, died November 8. Mr. Bode was a long-time ranchman of Val Verde County. He moved to Carta Valley in 1910 and ranched in Edwards County. He was born in Mason County, December 28, 1881.

Survivors include the widow, five children, Mrs. Lawton Glynn, Mrs. Harry Bochat, Mrs. Harry Stewart, and Andrew Bode, Del Rio; and Mrs. Albert Moos, San Angelo; two stepchildren; two brothers, Phil and Pat of Del Rio; five sisters, Mrs. James Pearson, Barquette; Mrs. Dan Risinger, San Diego; Mrs. Charles Stewart, Del Rio, and Mrs. Armon Sanders of Coolidge Dam, Arizona.



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PRICE RECESSION wheels keep grinding away at the rank and file of fat steers and yearlings. That the top holds up doesn't mean anything, suggesting seasonal scarcity after the International stock show. What is much more suggestive is the fact that the average price of all slaughter steers at Chicago has declined to \$29.00, lowest since May, 1950, this apparently softening the basic meaning of \$38.50 prime light steers and \$35.00 prime heifers. Little is coming to sell above \$34.00, and with common steers down to \$19.00, plain light kinds at \$16.00 and below, no one knows what other than owner-brand top light cattle are worth. How could either buyer or seller other than guess on a better than \$20.00 spread? All through December eastern shippers bought what looked to them like the same or very similar choice steers \$3.00 to \$4.00 per cwt. apart, and often, on loading the cattle, liked lowest price offerings best.

But what concerns the general trade in all livestock is that the average on all steers, with phony kinds now predominating, is that average costs stay so high compared with the average on hogs and lambs. Top hogs fell back to \$16.75 around mid-December during which month any light hogs at and above \$17.00 suggested a bullish trade. Meanwhile choice fed western lambs sank to \$21.50, lowest since 1945. Thus the average on butcher hogs was lucky to score \$16.50 and the fat lambs average stood around \$22.00, falling as low as \$21.00 as the month wore on. Yet the average on steers after having been pounded for weeks was above \$29.00.

What will happen this winter and next spring, the trade wondered? The best bet is that hogs and lambs will improve and at least choice and prime steers and heifers work sharply lower. In this connection some market observers predicted top steers may start to break right after the turn of the year and wind up as low as \$32.00 by March. Some expect the top to fall below \$30.00 during late spring or early summer. That would be \$8.00 or more off the current top on prime light steers. Some market observers predict top hogs as well as the general average price several dollars higher while better grades of steers, also heifers are falling. This might mean top hogs as high as \$20.00 after killers lay away as much pork from huge belated runs as cheaply as they can. There is a general agreement along this line that killers will not make a bullish move in hogs until the burden of liberal early winter receipts have passed. They don't want to follow last year's program and get caught with thousands of tons of frozen pork on runs that last spring flowed on into summer and threatened never to end.

Everyone takes it for granted that packers storing pork will have to see the end of big hog runs before they make a price betterment move this year. Just as surely the trade takes it for granted that supply abridgment will come earlier. This reasoning, if correct, lifts the future trade in live hogs to \$20.00 or better and takes many pork bargain sales out of retail butcher shops to the betterment of beef and lamb. Where winter fed lambs will go gambling this readjustment in cattle and hogs is something else again, but despite lowest prices in years as of a week or so before Christmas, some would be tickled now to sell choice fed lambs at \$24.00 whereas others have stopped unloading until after the holidays, expecting \$24.00 or better in January and a flurry by March or before to \$27.00 or above.

Any such development would naturally place the average price of steers and other cattle and the averages of hogs and lambs in better alignment. But the truism that this is a beef country is becoming more apparent every year, so cattle, at least with finish, may still stick out like a sore thumb compared with lambs and certainly sell far above top hogs. When prime 1,100 lb. steers brought \$38.50 Dec. 15, there were equally prime strongweight, fall shorn lambs bought to arrive at \$21.50. And these "specialties" were high on a market which saw best full-fleece offerings at \$21.50 and many good to choice woolled lambs at \$21.00 and 21.25, practically \$17.50 under what order buyers were willing to pay for prime steers. On the same market session the top on as good light hogs as ever walked was \$21.40 under top steers. As mentioned above the average on all killing steers had fallen well below \$30.00 but this included common dairies, warmed-up and shortfed steers unloaded in part so as to take advantage of the recent decline in stocker

and feeder cattle. When, one might inquire will lambs, to say nothing of hogs even approximate this steer average. Accordingly, how long can a record or at least near-record supply of winter fed cattle stay so high? How far will steers fall, certainly dragging other bovine classes along. And further, how much higher will normal consumer demand for dressed pork and lamb permit hogs and lambs to sell? To date this winter there has just been too much meat, period.

Finishers are not only selling fat steers so as to dig in on stocker and feeder yearlings and choice steer stock calves at \$25.00 down, heifer replacements selling \$2.00 to 4.00 under steers, but are getting rid of early fed lambs now becoming heavy so as to replace at \$20.00 down to \$15.00. But best stocker and feeder cattle are gone as are Northwest lambs, other than half-fed or fat kinds. Fat fed lambs, now becoming heavy, are being discounted \$1.00 to \$3.00 per cwt. but many 100- to 107-lb. fed lambs, highly finished, and others lacking the "last touch" might be held to good advantage until January. Surely the only way to stop the break on other than top hogs is to reduce receipts, pretty difficult with so many cattle on expensive winter feed. Butcher cattle and cows are more than likely due to follow the market on common to good steers. Hogs ready to come must run regardless and, so far, quality has never been better, throwing out any suggestion of liquidation but bringing in every indication that the federal estimates undercounted last spring's pig crop.

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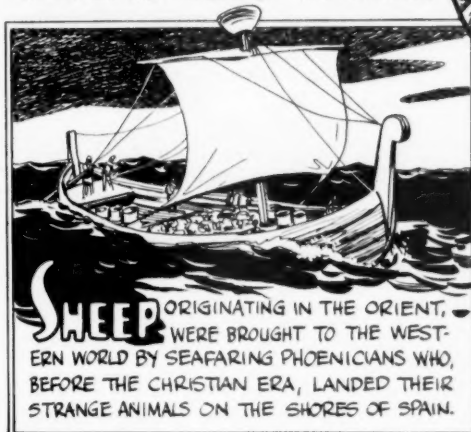
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By JOE AUSTELL SMALL

Drowned Duck

IT HAS been dry for a long time in the Southwest. Cattle have suffered terribly. One rancher was telling me about the condition of his cattle. "They're so poor," he said, "that we put them side by side, place a piece of carbon paper between them, and brand two cows at the same time!"

This story might lend some credulity to the following. A Rogers, Texas, farmer phoned a Temple paper that his pet duck, 18 months old, drowned in a puddle of water after a recent downpour — the first rain his duck had ever seen, the farmer added.

Bad Men

The new magazine, TRUE WEST, carries this interesting short in its first issue. Residents of the Old West cowtowns were a pretty shrewd lot. Those who ran things (the ones you don't hear much about) sometimes had to hire first-rate gunmen — even outlaws — to match the gunmen who went on rampages.

Then came the problem of keeping these same town marshals from going around picking off anybody that they didn't like. Some marshals actually did that.

But the men who ran the show had an ace up their sleeves. They required their town marshals to pay the funeral expenses of the men they killed. Since the expense for even a simple funeral in Boot Hill might run as high as fifty dollars, the marshals usually "buffaloed" the tough ones instead of killing them!

Sea-Serpent

One of the earliest "case histories" of a sea-serpent concerned a "sea-worm 6' 3" long, and proportionately thick." The witness was called a "young buccanier of the press." However, the thing he saw was undoubtedly a species of earthworm, later commonly known and "fairly abundant" in parts of South Africa. Specimens are in the Zoological Gardens in London over 5' long and attract "no particular notice."

Case of the Bungling Beaver

Beavers have reputations of being master engineers, but even they are subject to the human trait of error.

Warden Supervisor E. W. Tuckey, of Maine, reports finding a large beaver crushed to death. A tree it had just cut down fell in the wrong direction.

To help farmers "outfox" old Reynard by keeping him out of the chicken yard, Dayton Parsons, vermin control technician, advises that a two-foot patch sprayed with a mixture of motor oil and turpentine will stop a fox with the effectiveness of a brick wall. The proper proportions are one quart of turpentine to each gallon of used motor oil.

Don't Get Caught!

— using the old fashioned hooks, that is, say users of the new Big Bend Hooks. The distance from barb to shank in this new hook is twice what is found normally. The barb design is in the horizontal plane rather than the vertical. These features make it possible to catch fish from either side, or front, at a rate of more fish per strike. The company says: "We guarantee these hooks to have twice the hooking area and hooking ability of common fish hooks! As glass rods have taken over the rod field, so will Big Bend Hooks take over the fishing hook field."

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Too Many Rabbits!

Rabbits were introduced to Australia years ago by well-meaning sportsmen. Their numbers increased so rapidly that they soon became a pest. To check the tremendous build-up, Australian authorities have inoculated and released live-trapped rabbits with a virus disease called myxomatosis. This disease, which is known to attack only rabbits, is transmitted by mosquitoes and fleas.

First attempts met with little success, but a recent flare-up of the sickness reduced the rabbit population by "tens of millions". Australian animal pathologists state that there is no danger of this disease exterminating the rabbit but that it will serve to prevent the almost unbelievable increases.

Rabbits increased phenomenally in Australia because they were introduced into an area of ideal habitat where predators, disease and competitive species were almost completely absent.

SO DIFFERENT

I ENJOY your magazine a lot — it's so different. I do give a lot of copies of your magazine to sheep breeders.

EARL R. SMITH
Owensville, Indiana.

PRACTICAL GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT ADOPTED AS STATE TEXT BOOK

THE TEXT book committee of the state of Texas in November adopted Practical Grassland Management for use in the public schools. This is the latest of a number of honors which have been conferred upon "The Grass Book" first published by this magazine in 1950, adapted from a series of articles run in the Sheep and Goat Raiser.

The book was selected by the Veterans Administration of Texas for use in the agricultural classes of the veterans vocational teaching program. Since then it has been used as a text or supplemental text in 26 or more colleges.

The book, written by B. W. Allred of Fort Worth, Range Specialist for the Soil Conservation Service, is to go into the third printing immediately. Copyright has been sold by the Sheep and Goat Raiser to the Interstate Printers and Publishers, Inc., of Danville, Illinois, nationally known publishers of agricultural books. The facilities for printing, handling and distribution of a state text book are not sufficient in San Angelo. The Talley Press, printers of the Sheep and Goat Raiser, printed the first and second editions of Practical Grassland Management, of which only a few copies of the second edition remain unsold.

We of the Sheep and Goat Raiser are proud that Practical Grassland Management has met with such un-

usual success. The book fills a great need for an authentic, non-technical, easily understood treatise on grass, its uses and care. The immediate enthusiastic reception given the articles written by Mr. Allred and published in serial form in the magazine indicated that the book was needed and such proved to be the case.

Mr. Allred, the author, is one of the most prominent range specialists of the nation. His knowledge, based upon practical experience as a ranch operator and county agent, has been supplemented by acquired knowledge in studies at the Utah Agricultural College and the University of Nebraska. In addition he has had many years of experience with the Soil Conservation Service in northern plains states before becoming the Regional Range Conservationist of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

The book, Practical Grassland Management, has gone to almost six thousand purchasers. It will not be printed again in its present form. The remaining copies are on hand in San Angelo and as long as they are available will be sold from the office of the Sheep and Goat Raiser. This book will make a very nice gift for a friend interested in grass. It will make a most welcome addition to any ranchman's library. The price is \$5 and will be sent postpaid.

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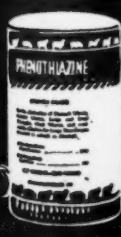


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We're with the health department in its campaign to make dealers label foods for what they are. Here on Squawberry Flat, when you buy meat you never know whether it's horse or burro.

Some mighty fast pickin' was done in cotton fields around here last fall. Some of our swiftest workers could pick three quarts of redevye in seven hours.

Truman showed himself a real sport when he arranged to get like a plane for Korea. He'd have been just as helpful if Ike had wanted a rocket ship to Mars.

Country life wouldn't be so hard if country folks didn't spend so much time explainin' to city folks why country life ain't easy like it looks.

Guess Josh Blicher must be what you call a plittical optimist. He thinks the Republicans is gonna give him a good job so's he can pay off the election bets he lost on the Democrats.

Schools is s'posed to teach children how to think, and all the children on Squawberry Flat think all the schools oughta be burnt down.

My little grandson, Crawfoot, is all confused. He sees everybody gettin' ready for Christmas same a usual, but he heard several people say that Santa Claus got shot on Nov. 4.

When listenin' to the radio, pay close attention to the announcer so you'll know whether the next noise you hear is an H-bomb or modern music.

A big store over at San Antone has five Santa Clauses that say yes to all the children and one credit manager that says no to all the parents.

Several families in this neighborhood don't never have money to spare for food except when they've saved up enough empty licker bottles to sell a load to the junkman.

These Republicans that's standin' first on one foot and then the other when they ain't jigin' up and down—it's not because they can't wait till Ike is president. It's because they can't wait till Truman ain't.

Maybe I am a shriveled old white-head, but I eat with my own teeth. Finally got the dentist paid for the china chompers he made for me in 1946.

We're told that America has its ups and downs, but how come I get in on all the downs and none of the ups?

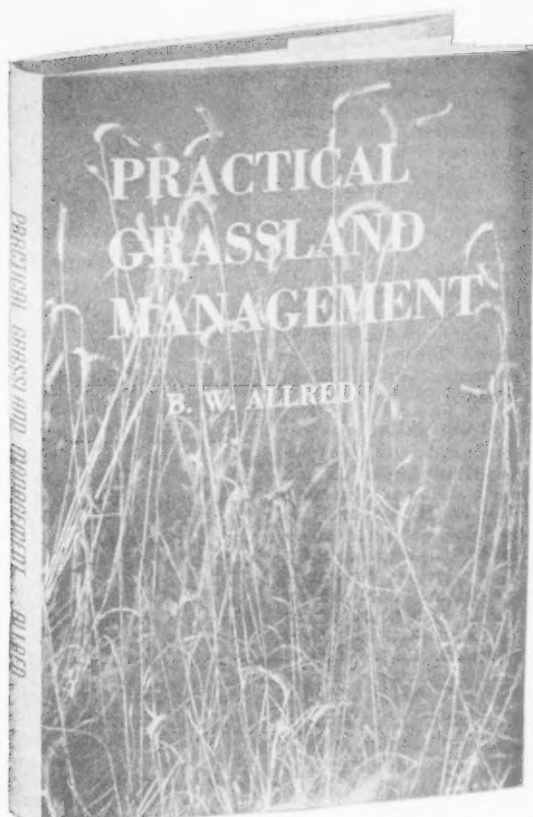
There's lies, damlies, political lies, and store signs promisin' that if you ain't satisfied your money will be cheerfully refunded.



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Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson, Plano, is shown holding the champion ewe of the 1952 State Fair.

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Women and Wool

By MRS. J. W. VANCE,
President, Women's Auxiliary to the
National Wool Growers Association

Delivered at the Convention Session, National Wool Growers Association's 88th Annual Convention, Edgewater Beach Hotel, December 8.

MY SUBJECT is Women and Wool. Speaking as president of the Women's Auxiliary of the National Wool Growers Association, I could say that the title of my talk is Women for Wool.

The aim of our national auxiliary is to promote the wider use of the products of our industry — wool and lamb. Our members are from the nine wool-growing states who have organized auxiliaries — Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and Texas. Also, in five other states we have some members-at-large and these states — Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and North Dakota — are cooperating with us though not organized.

Home Sewing Contest and Miss Wool

The main project of the auxiliary work has been the "Make It Yourself With Wool" Home Sewing Contest which we have conducted in coopera-

tion with The Wool Bureau. You will see the successful result of this wool promotion tonight when the two winning state contestants from each of the thirteen participating states are presented in the National "Make It Yourself With Wool" Style Revue. These talented national contestants, who are girls 14 through 22 years of age, will make you proud to have produced the fine fibers in the fabrics of such lovely wool garments. "Miss Wool from Texas and Her Wardrobe" will be presented tonight, also, and this will show the new and interesting wool promotion work conducted by the Texas Auxiliary this year in cooperation with the clothing manufacturers.

Lamb Stickers

The lamb and wool promotion stickers — the little blue stickers with the lamb face which read: "Eat Lamb, Wear Wool, For Health, Beauty and Goodness Sake" — have been distributed widely this year and used on many letters. These stickers serve for promotion and for the second purpose, of raising funds for the auxiliaries since one-half the total proceeds from the sticker sales are returned to the state auxiliaries and one-half is kept in the national auxiliary treasury.

Advertising Lamb and Wool

This promotion work of the women's auxiliaries for wool serves, too, as a program of education which we hope may increase or help increase the consumption of wool and lamb. In our work we can be in effect ambassadors to the public in such a manner as to represent the integrity of our products and our organization.

We may constantly serve as good public relations officials or good-will ambassadors by individually "wearing wool and talking wool." We can help to make people wool-minded or wool-conscious through our individual efforts and our own personal advertising. We must be good enough saleswomen to help sell our product since the future of lamb and wool is based on their utilization and consumption by people.

People consume what is sold to them so we can do our part as advertising agents for wool. "Blow your own horn" may not be good manners but it is very good business. Highly advertised products are known and asked for. We have a good product and we believe in our product so it is easier to be enthusiastic supporters of it.

We can say to a friend "You'll like lamb fixed this way" or "You must see the new wool materials!" Nor would it hurt for us to remind people how free sheep are of diseases that are communicable to man.

It is important that we be well-informed about our product so that we may correctly and intelligently stress its best qualities. Wool today



MRS. J. W. VANCE

remains the outstanding fiber for the use of all mankind. We may constantly remind consumers of the great features and valuable qualities of wool.

Wool Still Leads

Facts and statements from The Wool Bureau may guide and direct us in our knowledge of up-to-date research and experiments by outstanding authorities. Wool Bureau President Ackerman said recently that despite the clamor surrounding the promotion and advertising of the new synthetic fibers and their reputedly miraculous qualities, not more than two percent of men's, women's and children's coats will be made of fabric other than wool during the winter season of 1952-1953. This two percent figure is a result of surveys completed recently by the economics department of The Bureau and by independent agencies. President Ackerman says that wool still remains, in the opinion of textile and apparel manufacturers, retail merchants and the public, as the premier fiber for outerwear. But despite these advantages which wool possesses today in its superior qualities and market acceptance, it must be defended during this period of synthetic exploitation. The undefended product can fall victim to any determined campaign to replace it.

As we promote and defend wool we do not have to enter into a "Battle of Fibers." It is not necessary to attack the actual service and wearing qualities of apparel made of synthetics. The constantly increasing population of the country and the steadily rising standards of living provide an expanding market for all fibers and fabrics. But we are strongly against the advertising methods of certain synthetic fibers and fabric producers.

Whatever are the qualities of synthetic fibers, the chief values now being attributed to them are that they "wear like wool", "look like wool" and "blend like wool." In other words, mankind's golden fleece is the element which is most sought after to upgrade the new fibers so that the resulting fabric may sell better to the public. We can know and repeat the scientific facts which show that the new synthetics in order to produce satisfactory fabric for clothing, must be blended with large percentages of wool. Even then these synthetics detract from the natural flame resistance,

moisture resistance and the resilience qualities of pure wool fabric.

Investigating Advertising Claims

We need to know that the American Wool Council has urged the Federal Trade Commission to open a broad investigation of the advertising claims made by producers and distributors of synthetic fibers and fabrics and to use its power to regulate the present synthetic campaign. The Federal Trade Commission is asked, also, to investigate the practice of synthetic producers of using long-established, traditional terminology which was originated to describe wool. The Council denies the accuracy of these claims which state that Dacron and other "miracle fibers" out-wear and out-perform wool because thus the synthetics unfairly and deceptively compare their product with wool to the detriment of wool and to unduly magnify the qualities of synthetics. American Wool Council President Wilson has stated that the purpose of synthetic fiber advertisements is apparently to diminish the confidence of the public in the known and accepted properties of wool in order to supplant wool with synthetic fiber replacements.

Our Industry

Every one of us as producers of wool and lambs should be vitally interested in what is happening to the sheep industry. Officials of the National Wool Growers Association have been meeting with the United States Tariff Commission and asking that import fees be levied on foreign wools to that which the government guarantees the American producer. If the American producer is to stay in busi-

ness, tariff protection must be sufficiently large to raise the selling price of the foreign wools to that of the domestic wools.

Price Controls

Through the work of the national association, many individual growers and interested Senators and Congressmen, price controls on lamb have been suspended along with some grading regulations. This is a real aid in the marketing of our product.

Last year a representative of a large department store told us: "Synthetics are making quite an inroad in the piece goods departments but wool is still superior. You wool producers can meet this challenge by inventiveness which improves your product and makes it better than ever. It was thought that the invention of the radio would ruin the newspapers but newspapers met the challenge and were definitely not replaced."

The wool manufacturers have scored highly in meeting the challenge this past year since they have turned out an endless variety of wools in new textures, new weights and finishes and new colors. All of this has provided a new interest for wool fabrics buyers.

Promote Wool

Recently at a state auxiliary meeting, a clothing manufacturer stressed the important part played by the women and encouraged us to promote wool "to the very top." In addition, he said "You wool people should tell all the people that nothing takes the place of all wool. You have a great product and a great industry. Wool

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By Jack B. Taylor

NEW MEMBERS of the Association are: H. James Anderson, Santa Rosa, California; H. B. Taylor, Levan, Utah; and Miss Georganne Schwening, Sonora, Texas. D. Robinson of Parowan, Utah, has given notice he plans to reinstate his membership and bring his registrations up to date. Many new breeders have indicated they are interested in becoming members.

John Withers, Rambouillet Association director from Paisley, Oregon, has been elected vice-president of the Oregon Wool Growers' Association. Mr. Withers recently sold 12 ewes to the Montana Experiment Station and 9 ewe lambs to Mokelumne Farms of Acampo, California.

R. O. and Rushing Sheffield, San Angelo, Texas, have sold three old stud ewes at \$45.00 per head. Mr. Sheffield, Association vice-president, recently visited Clyde Thate, director at Burkett, Texas, and reports Mr. Thate has 96 fall lambs out of 70 ewes.

Bvrla L. Carson of Torrington, Wyoming, reports she has purchased a starting flock of registered Rambouillet ewes and plans to join the Association.

Pat Rose, Jr., of Del Rio, Texas, has been invited to judge the Rambouillet breeding classes at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. Judging date is Wednesday, February 4.

Sam Butman, Jr., member from Merkel, Texas, is another sheepman who objects to weight limits on stock show club lambs. Club boys cannot use his lambs because they get too big by show time.

David Craig Durham, 4-H Club boy from Sterling City, Texas, is having a hard time increasing the size of his flock. He has three ewes, and for two years, all his lambs have been rams. L. F. Hodges recently gave him two ewe lambs to make up for nature's low blow.

John Bledsoe, of Eldorado, Texas, visited the Association office a few days ago. He has 17 sets of twins out of 55 ewes, with 14 vet to lamb.

Voyle Bagley of Aurora, Utah, writes the office that his show ewe topped the Utah State Ewe Sale, Spanish Fork, December 6, at \$175.00. This ewe was champion of the Sanpete Rambouillet Day and the Utah State Fair.

Ellis Owens of Marathon, Texas, has been invited to judge the Rambouillet classes at the San Antonio

Show. Judging will start at 8:00 A.M. Tuesday, February 24.

One of the requirements of a good stud ram, according to John McCorquodale, Rambouillet breeder from Albany, Texas, in the early 1900's, is, "Ye want a ram thot con stond oop 'n look ye in the face lak a mon." Tom Davis of Sonora, Texas, recalls this statement from a visit when he and his father bought their first registered Rambouillets years ago.

Rod Richardson, member from Iraan, Texas, and your Secretary attended the International Livestock Show and the National Wool Growers Convention. We visited with a number of old friends and met a large number of industry leaders. The trip was very enlightening to me.

Oren Wright of Greenwood, Indiana, exhibited the Champion Rambouillet Ram and the University of Wyoming the Champion Ewe—both were lambs.

Ralph Yohe, member from Illinois who is an Associate Editor for a farm magazine, was very helpful. Among other things, he drove us down to the Monier Sheep Company at Montgomery, Illinois, and Bill Monier showed us some typical farm type lamb feeding operations.

Visited the fancy sheep barns at Purdue University, where Tom Means is doing an excellent job caring for the University's flocks. Tom told us that during three consecutive years their Rambouillet flock raised a 200% lamb crop. He also mentioned that a Rambouillet wether they dressed and graded one grade lower than one from a mutton breed, because of its length; but that the Rambouillet carcass yielded two more 1-inch loin cuts worth about \$1.00 each.

We spent one night with Oren Wright. I was especially interested in his Rambouillet ram that rated first among all breeds in last year's Indiana Gold Medal Contest. Mr. Wright averages 150-180% lamb crops.

Jack Hampton, shepherd, and Dr. U. S. Garrigus showed us the University of Illinois flock. They have an impressive looking ram lamb they recently purchased from the Utah State College. Their flock and others

we saw are maintained on a very high plane of nutrition—at least to people who are used to seeing mainly drouth stricken sheep.

Many of the people we met were highly complimentary to the Rambouillet breed. Some of the main advantages they listed were: very small amount of lambing difficulty, resistance to internal parasites, long life and hardiness, compared to other breeds. Some say that their wool marketing system is such that they do not receive due reward for premium quality wool.

Met "Dick" Miller, Sheep Specialist from the University of Kentucky. He plans to visit some Texas sheepmen and take some pictures in April.

Also visited with Otto J. Wolff from Rapid City, South Dakota. Mr. Wolff raises straight Rambouillets. He markets 91 pound lambs at 5 months of age off the range—110% lamb crop from about 3,000 ewes. His wool clip averages 10 pounds with less than 50% shrink. Lamb death loss was high until he started vaccinating his lambs at marking time with 1/2 dose (2 1/2 cc) of overeating vaccine.

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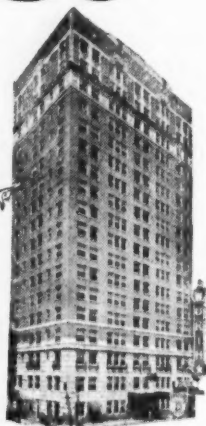
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Financial note in range country: While the upper crust is running out of dough the lower is drying up.

Despite the world's quest for peace, the marriage rate is high as ever.

Bridegroom: A wolf who paid too much for his whistle.

Arguing with a woman is like trying to read a newspaper in a high wind.

Two thugs jumped on a helpless man and after much fighting managed to get his wallet which contained only sixty cents.

"Do you mean to say you put up such a struggle for only sixty cents?" asked one of the thugs.

"No, sir," said the victim. "I thought you were after the \$500 I have in my shoe."

While attending a night-club with a favorite escort, a girl went to the cloakroom to repair her face, and met several friends she hadn't seen for quite a long time. They started gossiping in a gay and friendly manner, and time went on . . . and on.

Presently the attendant handed her a note. It was from the obviously weary escort, and read: "Can't understand why you haven't written."

An Indiana safety sign: "School — Don't Kill A Child." Beneath which had been scrawled: "Wait for a Teacher."

A psychiatrist was stumped when he received a letter from one of his women patients the other day. The note read: "Having a wonderful time. Wish you were here — to tell me why."

Most banks will gladly grant a loan; In fact, they often speed it; The only thing that they require Is proof that you don't need it.

Pouring tea, a hostess asked a middle-aged guest if he took sugar.

"No," he answered.

"Yes," said his wife brightly at the same moment. She turned accusingly to him: "But I always put sugar in your tea!"

"I used to remind you not to," the husband explained ruefully, "but now I just don't stir."

The woman owned a dog which she swore could read. As proof, one day she had him downtown and they passed a fireplug which had a sign on it reading "Wet Paint."

"You see," the proud owner turned to her friend, "I told you he could read."

The atom would probably have been split years earlier if they had sent it through the mail marked "Fragile."

A vivacious young Westerner shocked her Boston-reared beau by drawing on her gloves as they started down the street on their first date.

"Where I come from," chided the young man, "people would as soon see a woman put on her stockings in public as her gloves."

"Where I come from," retorted the young lady, "they'd rather."

An old lady fell down the stairs and broke her leg. The doctor put it in a cast and warned her not to walk up or down the stairs. The leg was slow in mending. Finally, after six months, the doctor announced it was alright to remove the cast.

"Can I climb the stairs now?" asked the old lady.

"Yes," answered the medical man.

"Oh, I'm so glad," she chortled. "I'm sick and tired of climbing up and down the drainpipe all the time."

"Yes," said the old man. "I have had some terrible disappointments but none stands out over the years like the one that came to me as a boy."

"And what was it?"

"When I crawled under a tent to see a circus — and discovered it was a revival meeting!"

Driving into the country a man was approached by a car driven by a woman who didn't seem to know much about the rules of the road. He did his best to avoid a collision, but she ran into him.

"Why didn't you signal what you wanted to do?" he asked.

"Because," she snapped, "there is no signal for what I wanted to do."

A movie producer was telling a friend about giving his girl friend a string of pearls for her birthday. "Why," said the friend, "don't you give her something practical — like a car?"

"And who ever heard of a phony car?" said the producer.



"I hit a terrific bump on the way home!"

NEW ORGANIZATION FOR SHEEP GROWERS

IN A meeting December 17, of more than 100 Alabama sheep growers preliminary plans were drawn up for the establishment of the Alabama Sheep and Wool Growers Association. The purpose of the organization will be to promote the production of sheep, lambs and wool in the state.

R. C. Bamberg, Uniontown, was named temporary president. He and other temporary officers will draw up a constitution which will be adopted sometime in the near future. The sheep industry is growing in Alabama according to D. C. Woodward of Tuskegee, Alabama.

CORRIEDALE DEMAND PICKS UP

CORRIEDALE sheep are more in demand now than they were two months ago—especially bred ewes according to Wm. Volkmann of Menard. Cotton Schoen of Priddy, Texas, recently purchased 10 head of top bred registered Corriedale ewes as a Christmas present for his son. Mr. Volkmann also delivered 16 head of yearling ewes and a ram to G. E. Layne of Stockdale, Texas. With a prospect of further sales to Mr. Layne and his neighbors who like Corriedales. Another sale made was to S. Taylor McDaniels, Corpus Christi, who took delivery on 6 cross-bred rams. Mr. McDaniels is prominent in ranching circles in the Orange Grove community and earlier in the year purchased a top stud ram from Mr. Volkmann at \$200.

Soaking rains greatly benefited the Big Bend-Davis Mountain areas in late December. This range country which has been more fortunate than the country to its east in 1952 rainfall is in fair to excellent condition. Nevertheless nearly all West Texas shared gentle showers around the 19th of December. The moisture ranged up to 1.5 inches in scattered areas.

The Texas Section of the National Society of Range Management will hold its annual meeting in Alpine, December 8.

THREE BREEDS STUDIED IN PROGENY TEST

ONLY THREE breeds are represented in the ram progeny performance testing work being done at Substation No. 14, near Sonora. The rams in general have done well with little sickness and only one death loss. The breeds represented are Rambouillet, Corriedale and Columbia. The breeders of the Rambouillets are A. B. Culberson, Brownwood; A&M College, College Station; F. M. Bierschwale, Segovia; E. G. Branch, Rankin; Leo Richardson, Rod Richardson, Iraan; Miles Pierce, Alpine; Pat Rose, Jr., Del Rio; R. Q. Landers, Menard; Substation No. 14, Sonora; Wallace Hendricks, San Angelo, and W. L. Davis, Sonora. H. C. Noelke, Sheffield, is the Corriedale breeder and Heard and Otho Whitefield, Friona, have the Columbias.

JUNIOR BREEDERS' SHOW AT AUSTIN

L. N. KIRKPATRICK, General Show Superintendent, Austin, has announced that the Capital Area Farm and Ranch Club is sponsoring a Junior Breeder's Show open to all competition. The plans are developed so that the show will be an outstanding one—and the "top in the state."

The premium list of the show is now being printed and the premium money will equal or exceed the Junior premium money offered last year.

The 1953 show will be held in the City Coliseum at Austin on March 2-7.

TRUETT K. STANFORD IS HONORED

TRUETT K. STANFORD, son of Truett Stanford of Eldorado, was recognized recently as the outstanding 4-H Club boy in this area. County Agent, Tim Godwin, made the presentation and praised the seven-year record of the 4-H Club boy in his sheep project work. In partnership with his brothers, Jack and Sonny, sheep breeding work was started with profits going into an educational fund, and now Sonny, his older brother, is a senior petroleum student in Texas Tech.

Truett Kent is also the winner of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association spur clip for meat and wool production. In addition young Stanford has won many other awards in livestock production, grass judging and soil conservation work.



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SAN ANTONIO --

Ewes Higher, Lambs Lower as Market Year Comes to End

SLAUGHTER lambs sold at the lowest points in recent years as prices fell as much as \$3 and \$4 in Texas during the last month of 1952.

According to records kept by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration, prices for slaughter lambs at mid-December were the lowest since the winter of 1947-48.

On the other hand, the market for slaughter ewes and feeder lambs followed a steady to higher trend. However, all classes of sheep and lambs sold considerably lower than in December 1951. Slaughter lambs were priced \$8 below a year ago; ewes, \$5 to \$6 lower; and feeder lambs, \$10 to \$11 lower.

Liberal marketings of sheep and lower wholesale dressed lamb prices were the principal weakening influences in the live trade.

Shipments of sheep and lambs to Fort Worth and San Antonio from December 1-17 reached slightly more than 30,000. This was about seven per cent more than the same period in November and 40 per cent more than a year ago. Slaughter lambs made up about half of the total run. Fully 40 per cent of these offerings were shorn.

Although recent rains over most of the state have fairly well broken the drouth, they came too late to give much relief to dry pastures for the winter months. Lack of grass and high feed costs have resulted in much heavier marketings than usual at this season of the year.

Meanwhile, wholesale dressed lamb trade has been sluggish and prices declined. Outlets for dressed lamb narrowed considerably as consumer demand made the usual holiday shift to poultry. Consequently, wholesalers reduced carcass lamb prices as much as \$1 and \$2 per 100 pounds. Mutton managed to hold fairly steady though, due to limited supplies on the live market.

Mid-December slaughter lamb prices stood \$4 per 100 pounds below the November close at San Antonio. Woolled offerings were \$2.50 to \$3 lower at Fort Worth, and shorn lambs were \$1.50 to \$2 lower. Good and choice woolled slaughter lambs were quoted at \$18.50 to \$20 at Fort Worth. Shorn lots generally sold \$1 to \$1.50 below the woolled lambs.

San Antonio priced good to mostly choice lambs at \$16 to \$17, while utility and good grades went at \$13 to \$16.

Yearlings were scarce, but a few utility and good 101-pound offerings brought \$16 at Fort Worth. This was about \$1 lower for the month. Some utility and good fresh shorn yearling wethers brought \$12 at San Antonio.

Slaughter ewes showed advances of \$1 to \$1.50 at Fort Worth, but the market was generally steady at San Antonio. Cull to good ewes went to slaughter in a \$6 to \$8.50 range at Fort Worth. The bulk of cull and utility shorn offerings turned at \$5.50 to \$6.25 at San Antonio.

Demand for feeder lambs fell off early in December as fed lamb prices broke sharply at major stockyards throughout the country. However, when prices recovered some of the early loss later in the month, outlets for feeder lambs improved. A good part of mid-month shipments went to Texas feedlots.

Buyers took medium and good feeder lambs at \$11 to \$13 in San Antonio, with a few fleshy offerings up to \$13.75. Common and medium feeders cleared the Fort Worth yards at \$15 and down.

The goat market at San Antonio uncovered a stronger trend during the first half of December. Smaller receipts were the principal strengthening influence.

Most Angora goats ready for market have already been shipped. Ranchers are holding remaining stock for future clips. Arrivals at San Antonio during Dec. 1-17 were slightly less than 1,800 head. This was 50 per cent less than during the same period in November and 45 per cent less than a year ago.

Mid-month sales found the bulk of medium and good Angoras in the hair and Spanish type goats selling on slaughter accounts at \$8 to \$8.50 per 100 pounds. This was about 50c higher than at the end of November.

Kid goats turned at \$5 to \$6.25 each, or unchanged to 25c higher for the period. Stocker kids were quoted at \$5 to \$6 per head.

Cattle and hog prices have fluctuated considerably during the month. By mid-December though, butcher hogs looked 25c to 50c higher at Fort Worth, but sows were 50c lower than November's close. Both butchers and sows were unchanged at San Antonio.

Losses of \$1 were fairly common throughout the list in the cattle division at both Fort Worth and San Antonio. Steers and yearlings showed a loss of \$2 or both slaughter and replacement account, and stocker calves were off as much as \$4 at Fort Worth.

GATEWAY TO SOUTHWEST

Texas Delaine News

By Mrs. G. A. Glimp

THE MOST welcome rains that fell again have given the New Year a much brighter look. Much more rain is needed for a good, deep season, but grain is coming on and pastures are looking alive once more.

A note from College Station states that John Keith Goode of Bertram has been elected president of the student section of the American Society of Agronomy. He was elected at the recent meeting in Cincinnati. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Goode of Bertram and is a junior majoring in agronomy at Texas A&M. We are very happy for Kert, as he is known to his local friends, and to him as a new breeder the Delaine Association wishes to extend congratulations.

Joe LeMay is very elated over the recent rains, as he insists he already knows just how dry it can get. The LeMays moved to Mills County some years back because of extreme weather conditions in Coleman County. However, Joe wonders if the drouth followed him. There have been some recent wool sales in Mills County and he states that sheep are in very good condition. He feels the thing most needed for aid to the sheep man is more rain.

David Watters is a man of leisure, as any farmer-rancher is, so the Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District decided to give him some work to do. He was elected supervisor of that district early in December and we know he will do a wonderful work serving in that capacity. The Mills County Livestock Show is shaping up nicely, according to latest information, and the date for us to remember is Monday, January 19, as that is the designated date for the sheep show. These Mills County boys have worked hard and fitted out a nice breeding sheep flock, so the breeders should put forth an effort to attend.

Joe Allcorn says that Coleman County has been in dire circumstances from the drouth, but rain in November and December eased the situation some. He is planning to attend the Fort Worth and San Angelo stock shows. Joe has fitted a nice flock for these shows and will show first at the Talpa Chapter F. F. A. Show, then Coleman County before going to Fort Worth.

Owen Bragg says the recent rains in his vicinity have actually brought inquiries for yearling ewes, lambs, and solid mouth ewes for stocker purposes. He recently sold his wool at going prices and most of the other wool in that area sold. Owen states that January 16 and 17 have been confirmed by the L.C.R.A. as dates for the annual Delaine Association directors' meeting at Buchanan Dam.

Jimmie, Jackie and Jare Horne, children of Mrs. Jack Horne, Coleman,

will again be exhibitors in Coleman County Livestock Show January 13 and 14. They have fitted some very nice lambs for this event and we feel confident they will be among the top exhibitors. We understand that H. C. Noelke of Sheffield will judge the

breeding sheep show. H. C. is most competent.

George Johanson has received an invitation to attend the banquet at the Coleman County Livestock Show. He hopes to be able to present the picture of the Delaine Ram to the Board of City Development at this time. This picture is to be used in their office.

Many other livestock shows will be held in January. Let's go and show our appreciation for the efforts of our boys and girls.

MRS. GUS WHITTING, JR., NEW HILL COUNTRY CHAPTER PRESIDENT

MRS. GUS WHITTING, JR., of Junction was elected as president of the Hill Country Chapter of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, in December, when the Chapter met at Blue Bonnet Hotel in Kerrville. Other officers elected for the coming year were Mrs. Harvey Stevens of Harper, vice-president; Mrs. Charlie Peril of Kerrville, secretary; Mrs. T. W. Epperson of Rocksprings, treasurer; Mrs. Ross Snodgrass of Mountain Home, historian; and Mrs. Oscar Nuenhoffer of Kerrville, publicity. Mrs. John Saul of Bandera, Mrs. Will Orr of Kerrville and Mrs. Chester Heinen of Comfort were the nominating committee.

Miss Ada Mae Montell, out-going president presided at the regular business meeting. Mrs. Louis Strohacker of Kerrville gave the welcome address to the assembly and Mrs. Felix Real, Jr., of Kerrville and Mrs. Adam Wilson gave a detailed and interesting report of the State Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association convention held recently in San Angelo. She told of the fabulous style show "Miss Wool and Her Ten Pretty Maids", sponsored by the State Auxiliary. Mrs. Wilson spoke on the convention activities and Mrs. Real stressed the value of wool and its adaptability. She also stressed the value of publicity

and advertising of woolen made garments and products.

Following the business meeting refreshments of sandwiches, nut bread, cookies and coffee were served to about fifty women from all over the Hill Country.

A pretty compliment was paid to Miss Montell, the out-going president, when Mrs. Snodgrass presented her a lovely gift as a token of appreciation for her service to the Chapter for the past year.

A delightful program was directed by Mrs. Snodgrass, who presented small fry in dance numbers. The little girls who took part were Francell Robinson, Jan Brown of Harper, Mary Evelyn Rothrock, Jan Weaver and Janet Weaver, of Kerrville. The girls presented specialty tap numbers.

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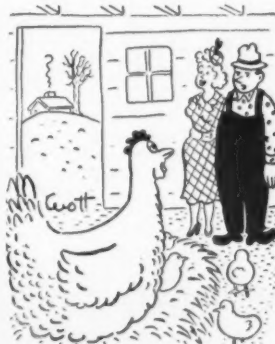
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Grazings...

BY THE EDITOR

AN INVENTORY OF ASSETS

AT THIS time of the year it is more or less customary for each of us to either casually or seriously reflect on the past year and make some kind of inventory. The past year to most ranchmen was filled with many problems, some grave. To most ranchmen in the drouth area, 1952 produced little to merit elation. However, 1952 was not a total loss, although few

ranchmen found it profitable from a monetary standpoint. It brought readjustments, realigning of objectives, and a re-examination of spiritual values. For those who grasped them the lessons were valuable. In spite of the grief which may have been the lot of many, 1952 may have marked the year which became the stepping stone for many towards more productive ranching, more solid citizenship.

The ranch industry has much promise. As long as people eat meat and wear clothing, the ranchman will find his vocation a profitable one, an enjoyable one and a deserving one. In inventorying his assets among those which should range close to the top for the Southwestern sheep and goat raiser, is the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. Its achievements in 1952, at a very modest cost per individual grower, have been great. In the loosely knit sheep and goat industry the only organization capable of giving the grower proper representation is this association. The growers should be proud of its work and strive through the payment of dues and through active participation in its projects to strengthen and make even more effective its activities.

Last year at this time the association wrote to you as follows:

"Your Association is working on two difficult problems which affect nearly all sheep and goat raisers — labor and sheep scabies.

"Sheep scabies is not whipped, but is under control. The labor situation is not. Both require continuous work on the part of your officers."

The problems mentioned in this message to the growers have been handled well, and as one government leader remarked in referring to the labor problem: "It is difficult to say what the labor situation would be today had it not been for the activity of the representatives of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. Today, while the procurement of Mexican labor leaves much to be desired, it is infinitely better for the ranchmen than that which was originally offered them."

For many weeks Texas has not had a report of any outbreaks in sheep scabies. This is very encouraging. Through the very active and persistent work of the association, which spent many hundreds of dollars of the growers' money toward assisting the Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission, effective observation and control measures were adopted.

The work of the association, the work of the livestock tax committee seeking tax relief for the ranchmen, the activity of the committee seeking relief from injurious O.P.S. regulations on lamb, and numerous other activities got good results. Yes, the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association was quite an asset to the growers in 1952.

ASSOCIATION WORK

IT IS very appropriate at this time to call your attention to the fact that the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association needs your 1953 support and needs it urgently. Make sure that your warehouse deducts the 25c per bag dues on every bag of wool and mohair that you ship to it. Many warehousemen overlook collecting on every shipment, and send in only part of the dues.

The 1953 Texas wool and mohair production is likely to be the smallest in many years. This will reflect very seriously upon the income of your association as, obviously, there will be fewer wool and mohair bags on which the grower can pay his dues. A lowering of the income of the association at this time is particularly unfortunate as considerable must be done towards maintaining the flow of association work. Only through the wholehearted cooperation of the growers and the warehousemen can the association go through 1953 without a most serious reduction in income from dues. Here are some points to remember:

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RAM AND BUCK MARKET

LITTLE encouragement is in evidence for the ram market in 1953 unless generous rains encourage restocking. Then rams will be in short supply, with keen demand and rising prices. Needless to say, there probably will be fewer rams raised in 1953 than in any year during the past twenty years.

The outlook for the 1953 Angora buck market is more encouraging and all indications are that 1953 will be a better year than 1952, with more demand. Increased goat production should be encouraged for the good of the industry. Too little mohair is being produced to fully satisfy market demands.

ducted by the warehousemen and sent to the association, you can pay these dues direct, sending to the association office 25¢ per bag of wool and mohair.

3. Do not forget to let your warehouseman know that you want your 1953 dues collected and sent to the association. Some warehousemen demand that the growers notify them in writing to do this. Others do not demand this. See that your dues are paid.

4. For those who produce less than four bags, the dues would be the minimum of \$1.

LABOR

RANCHMEN ARE not likely to get labor much cheaper nor is it in the cards for him to get more. Indications are that the Mexican bracero will labor under the same rules and regulations as in 1952. There are rumors of change and apparently this change, if it becomes an actuality, will be beneficial to the ranchmen. Don't bet on it.

Incidentally, Mexican farm laborers in Northern Mexico had it tough in 1952, and it's still tough there. Apparently the whole northern part of Mexico is undergoing an even more severe drouth than the Southwest part of the United States has endured. "Muy seco, muy pobre." Whether it rains or not wetbacks will keep the immigration officials hopping in 1953.

5. Dues to the association include subscription to the SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER at 50¢ per year per member. This is one-half of the regular advertised price of \$1 per year to non-members. Please allow ample time for the warehouseman to transmit to the association office and the association office to transmit the name to the magazine mailing department. This will be appreciated.

Make 1953 an Association year. It is your organization and it needs your wholehearted support if it is to do a good job for you.

WOOL AND MOHAIR

ELSEWHERE in this issue are predictions on 1953 wool and mohair market which is, in short, fair to good. There seems to be no reason to think that it should be otherwise. The lamb

market is expected to get better in late January and February and the ewe market will jump like a four-bit sky rocket if the drouth is broken in Texas.

That's all — Happy New Year to you.

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Year-End Buying Cleans Texas Of Wool Accumulations

A LATE November survey indicated that no more than 7,000,000 pounds of wool remained in Texas at that time and this included slightly less than 3,000,000 pounds of wool placed in the government wool loan program. Most of the wools remaining at that time were heavy wools, little short wool and only about 150,000 pounds of fall and some 250,000 pounds of 8 months wool.

However, late December purchases changed the picture and left only scattering lots of wool in the Texas warehouses. Henry W. Magnot, former chief area appraiser of the government wool loan program, now with the Hank Davis Wool Company, estimated that around 5 million pounds of wool in Texas and New Mexico had gone into the program. Most of the wool of both states went into the regular trade channels.

Vaughan Brothers, San Angelo, in the first days of December purchased some 250,000 pounds of 12 months wool in San Angelo, Lometa and Lampasas at prices ranging from about 42 cents to 63 cents a pound.

The Colonial Wool Company through George Allison, San Angelo, purchased during the first week of December some 125,000 pounds of 12-months wool at Fort Stockton, Rankin and Mertzon at 51½ to 60 cents per pound.

Roddie and Company, Brady, probably received top price for wool sold during the month. The price reported to have been 75 cents per pound was for 12 months wool. Some unconfirmed 78-cent sales were rumored. The firm is reported to have sold upwards of 300,000 pounds of wool of various types at prices of from 46 to 75 cents per pound.

The 50,000-pound Wimberly clip of lamb and ewe wool was sold at prices ranging from 65 cents to 70 cents per pound by the Jas. L. Daniel Warehouse, Eden, and the Western Wool and Mohair Company, San Angelo. DuPont & Co., through Carroll McDonald, Menard, made the purchase.

Prouvost, Lefebvre & Company, Boston, through E. O. Oglesby, San Angelo, took 230,000 pounds of wool from the Wool Growers' Central Storage Company, San Angelo; 40,000 pounds from the Ranchers Wool and Mohair Company, Rankin, and about 225,000 pounds from the Wool Warehouse Company, Albuquerque. Prices ranged from 44 cents to 65 cents per pound.

The West Texas Wool & Mohair Association, Mertzon, sold to Hank Davis in mid-December 115,000 pounds of 12 months wool and the Western Wool & Mohair Company sold some 35,000 pounds. Price from 55 to 60 cents per pound.

Roddie & Company sold to Walter M. Marston Co., through Bill Quick,

San Angelo, about 100,000 pounds at prices ranging from 46½ to 61½ cents per pound.

Other sales included the purchase by Bill Fields, Sonora, of some 150,000 pounds of wool from Hill Country warehouses at prices ranging up to 70 cents. The Colonial Wool Company also purchased a 65,000-pound accumulation at the Joe Blakeley Warehouse, San Angelo, at prices believed to range up to 70 cents.

With these and a few scattering other sales the warehouse stocks are depleted to a point which has probably not been equalled for many years. Of course, as one wool buyer recently remarked: "There is always some wool left, somewhere."

WALKER HEADS RANGE SOCIETY

A. H. WALKER, range specialist from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, College Station, was elected head of the Texas section of the American Society of Range Management in the December 8 meeting of the organization at Alpine. The vice-chairman named is H. M. Bell, Zone Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service, Fort Worth, and F. C. Caldwell, Corpus Christi, was named as secretary-treasurer.

Hank Leithhead, retiring president, with the SCS at Herford, was retained as one of the directors. Other directors named included Dr. V. A. Young, Range and Forestry Department, Texas A&M College; Roger Landers, ranchman, Menard; B. W. Allred, SCS range specialist, Fort Worth; Dave Foster, Grass Seed Growers' Association, Uvalde; and H. M. Phillips, Editor, Sheep and Goat Raisers' Magazine, San Angelo.

A part of the program of the Alpine meeting included a trip to the range of the Combs Cattle Company southwest of Marathon where the production of supplementary range forage aided by spreader irrigation was studied.

The group selected Norwin E. Linnertz, a senior range management student of Texas A&M College, as the outstanding range management student of the year. Linnertz is from Boerne and is making soil conservation work a career. (See story in this issue.)

Wayne G. McCully of the range and forestry department in which Linnertz is studying received a plaque for having the outstanding student in this work.

Others on the program included Jimmy Pate, Alpine, past head of the Big Bend SCS District, and R. Q. Landers, Menard, who presented the awards.

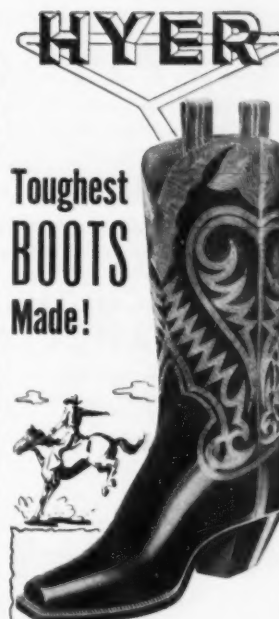
In the Brownwood, Llano, Fredricksburg area late December rains contributed toward making the ground season the best in several years.

WOOL-MOHAIR THEFTS BELIEVED SOLVED

THEFTS OF wool and mohair from the Santa Rita Wool Company and the Wool Growers Central Storage Company have resulted in the arrest of six Latin-Americans and the charging of a seventh. The amount of wool and mohair stolen is believed to have been around 2,000 pounds and the investigation was conducted over a period of several weeks before the case was broken. One of the San Angelo warehouses offered a reward for information leading to the solving of the robbery and the conviction of its participants.

Berry Duff, formerly of Sutton County, is opening a wool warehouse business at Grand Junction, Colorado. He recently completed the warehouse. Only one other such business operates in Colorado, as most of the Mountain States sheep growers sell their wool direct. Mr. Duff is with the United States Testing Company which has a laboratory in Denver.

The combination sale of Morgan & Lemly, San Angelo; Moore Bros., Eldorado; and Herman Allen, Menard, held in San Angelo December 10, saw 94 Aberdeen-Angus bulls selling for an average of \$637.12 mainly to West Texas buyers. Sol Mayer, San Angelo, was top buyer, taking 16 bulls for \$8,600, while Tom Owens, Big Lake, paid the top price of \$2,600 for a Morgan & Lemly bull.



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Something Should Be Done About Texas Mohair Quality

TO THE MAGAZINE: Possibly you know, but probably you don't know, that the quality of the Texas clip of adult mohair produced this fall is the coarsest it has ever been to my knowledge. The kids, while scarce, were of good quality but in many sections very heavy with burr. Specifically these are the comparative sortings between the current fall clip and previous fall clips:

	1952 Clip	Avg. Previous Fall Clips
30's	2%	6%
26's	35%	45%
22's	25%	22%
18's	28%	19%

The percentage of Offs, to bring up the total to 100%, shows very little change.

There must be some reason for this tremendous change in the quality of the hair, and I think that it is within the province of the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association to take the matter up with whoever might be the proper authorities in Texas, and really find out what it is all about. Probably one of the most important questions to answer is what happened to the goats, or the mohair on the goats, which were shorn as spring kids in the spring of 1952, and which numbered approximately 20% of the number of goats shorn, at least by weight of

fleece? This hair, while not of good spring quality, was still fairly close to standard, and why, in a short period of six months would all of this fine hair get so coarse?

Whether one of your agricultural colleges or your county agents can answer these questions I do not know, but certainly those of us who bought the Texas clip early, expecting to get about average mohair, have had quite a shock when we actually come to sorting the mohair over the boards. Some sections were worse than others, but even the so-called choicer sections had hair quite a good deal below the average. It is not a very difficult mathematical problem to determine the difference in the value of the mohair when we lose 4 to 5% of 30's that are worth in the neighborhood of \$1.30 per pound, and replace them with an additional 10% of 18's mohair which is worth 70c per pound. The costs of all the grades go up very rapidly.

There must be some answer to this. There must be some way that the buyers could get a little idea ahead of time as to the actual quality of the hair, and if there is such a way I would like to know how it could be done.

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PRETTY GOOD

Two ranchmen from West of the Pecos engage in a serious discussion during the recent meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association in San Angelo. On the left is Pat Cooper, well-known stockman of Fort Stockton and on the right is Cole Means, veteran ranchman of Valentine. Rains in late months of 1952 benefitted the Trans-Pecos country and the country is "fair to middling."

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J. C. MITCHELL, manager of the Burrus Feed Mills, recently announced the appointment of J. D. Carroll, Jr. to the position of assistant sales manager.

Mr. Carroll, who joined the company in 1950 following his graduation from Texas A&M college, was promoted to the sales department in 1951. He formerly was a territory salesman.

Mr. Carroll will assist the sales manager, C. P. Wenzel.

LETTERS

NOT MANY sheep in the valley, but have really missed getting your magazine — so here's my renewal.

JOHN S. WHITEWOOD
Box 633, Edinburg, Texas

I REALLY enjoyed the November issue. It is the best sheepman's magazine I ever read. It has some MEAT to it — issues that make you think.

FRED A. BLUNT
Harbor, Oregon

I AM a teacher (and arm-chair farmer). The Sheep and Goat Raiser has been most interesting for a number of reasons, including political. I have shared my issues with my good friend, Camilla Boyd, daughter of the late Edith Black Winslow of Menard, Texas.

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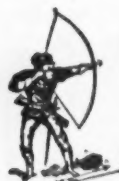
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Wool Textiles

THE MARKET remained quiet during late December in view of the holiday shut-downs and the closing of the major world markets. Prices remained practically unchanged, but the general tone was firm. Expectations are pretty general that activity will show a marked pick-up after the turn of the year and quotations will strengthen even further from current levels.

Among the factors responsible for this attitude are the following:

Retail sales of apparel showed an unusually favorable trend during the month of December despite the general emphasis on gift buying. In many areas, with favorable weather conditions, the increase from last year more than made up for the lag recorded in the previous month. This trend was noted in all types of outerwear including men's, women's and children's departments.

End-of-the-year stocks have been reduced to normal levels despite fears of heavy inventories when November business failed to live up to expectations. Stocks are below those of last year, with men's departments showing the largest declines.

Despite the encouraging outlook for spring business and other stimulating factors, distributors tightened up on commitments at the season's openings in November when sales slowed up. This was true for men's clothing to some degree, but pretty general for women's wear. As a result spring coverage after the turn of the year is expected to be very concentrated in view of the shortness of the season and the comparatively small offerings of winter promotional goods. Spring showings will, therefore, have to be early. Thus, distributors will press for early delivery of goods.

Rumors continue to persist that sizeable military orders will be placed in the near future. Although there has been no official word to that effect, it would be logical, in view of the small orders placed in recent months. A prospective worsening in international politics next year may even encourage a stepping up in orders.

Supplies of domestic wool available for early delivery will be small in view of the fact that the coming weeks represent the ending of our wool season as well as sizeable quantity of the fiber tied up in the loan.

This will mean that buying in world markets, especially Australia, will have to increase in competition with other major consuming nations.

No significant letdown is expected in activity by these latter countries despite the fact that they have bought liberally in the past months. Not only have these countries, such as Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, Japan, etc., had to meet the expanded growing domestic demand, but they still have to replenish sorely depleted stocks and pipelines.

Domestic Consumption

October data released by the Bureau of Census reveal the advancing trend in domestic consumption of raw wool. However 10 months data are still mostly below those of the corresponding period of 1951.

Note that the average weekly consumption of all wool during the month of October increased 29% from the corresponding period of the previous year. Consumption of apparel wool during that period increased 19%. If this data could be broken down into military and civilian use, it would be found that consumption of the fiber by civilian industries increased much more significantly. During that period of 1951, production for military purposes was still on a very high level.

What is even more interesting is the marked increase noted in consumption of raw wool on the worsted system. The increase from October, 1951, to the corresponding month of this year approximated 31% as compared with a 6% increase recorded in consumption on the woolen system.

Part of this marked increase may be attributed to the sharp upsurge in demand for worsted yarn in knit outerwear, which showed a marked advance in fashion importance this past fall. For a while, deliveries could not keep up with demand despite the fact that activity was on a very high level.

Expectations are that this interest on the part of the consumer will be carried over into 1953, suggesting the maintenance of a high level of demand for worsted knitting yarns. At the same time, there are indications of increased interest in worsted fabrics, which had been lagging for many months. This has been stimulated by style trend and more widely diversified novelties as well as more realistic pricing.

This factor added to a maintained high level of woollens should be re-

SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK

prices should maintain the firmness noted in recent weeks and even move moderately upward. Buying, especially by this country, should broaden.

LONGER-TERM OUTLOOK

quotations during the second half of the wool season should average higher than the first. However, as indicated in previous reports, we do not expect prices to advance more than 5% to 10% from current levels. Fluctuations will continue to be of very moderate proportions.

flected in a higher level of wool consumption in coming months.

It can also be noted that carpet wool consumption showed the unusually sharp increase of 73% from the October, 1951 level. This was not surprising in view of the drastic liquidation that took place in that industry during 1951. The prolonged strike which occurred during the summer of this year also badly disrupted activity in the carpet and rug industry. Thus the current level of activity should be maintained during the coming months.

Fabric Trend

Fabric data for October and the first 10 months of the year released by the National Association of Manufacturers emphasize the marked increase in civilian activity from last year's levels and the sharp contraction in military orders. At this time last year the woolen and worsted industry, so far as civilian goods were concerned was going through a very drastic period of liquidation due to an accumulation of excess inventory and lagging consumer demand.

Significant comparisons for the first 10 months of this year as compared with the corresponding period of last year are the following:

Sales of fabrics for government orders declined 73%; menswear fabrics increased 74%; womenswear fabrics increased 83%.

Production on Government orders declined by 42%; menswear fabrics increased 2%; womenswear fabrics increased 48%.

Shipments of government orders declined 38%; menswear fabrics increased 2%; womenswear fabrics increased 41%.

The trends in men's and women's wear fabrics should narrow in the coming months.

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Raw Wool—						
Total	7.9	10.5	10.2	419.8	385.1	* 8
Apparel Class	6.4	7.7	7.6	331.5	291.5	*12
Woolen System	3.2	3.2	3.4	131.6	132.3	n
Worsted System	3.2	4.5	4.2	199.9	159.2	*20
Carpet Class	1.5	2.6	2.6	88.3	93.6	† 6

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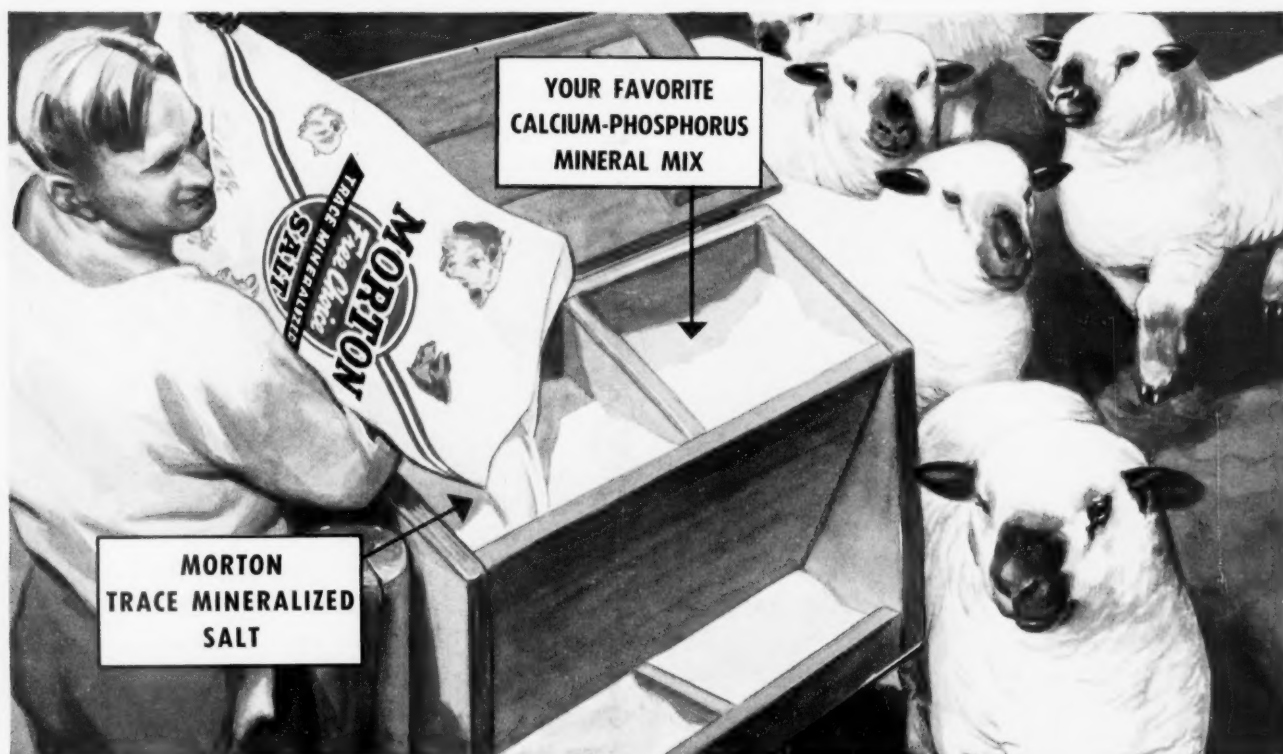
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